

King-Hinds: Proposed CJMT activity will destroy Tinian

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The proposed training activity under the U.S. Navy's CNMI Joint Military Training program will literally destroy Tinian, according to Commonwealth Ports Authority chair Kimberly King-Hinds. King-Hinds said the CJMT and the divert airfield are two completely different activities. "We have been consistent in our position that we don't object to training activities on Tinian as long as it is not

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TRO vs CCC extended anew

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The temporary restraining order in place against the Commonwealth Casino Commission has been extended again to give the Superior Court more time to decide whether the preliminary injunction that Imperial Pacific (CNMI) LLC asked for is necessary or not.

The TRO, which prevents the commission from releasing certain information about IPI's financial statements that it insists are confidential, was supposed to lapse last Friday. Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo was also supposed to issue an order on the matter last Friday. However, in an order on Friday, Govendo said that ex-

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\$360M NMI Medicaid bill heads to floor

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The \$360 million promised to the NMI Medicaid office now heads to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for a vote after the legislation was reported out of the House Committee on Energy and

Commerce. U.S. Rep. Darren Soto's (D-FL) H.R. 3631, also known as the Territories Health Care Improvement Act, zoomed

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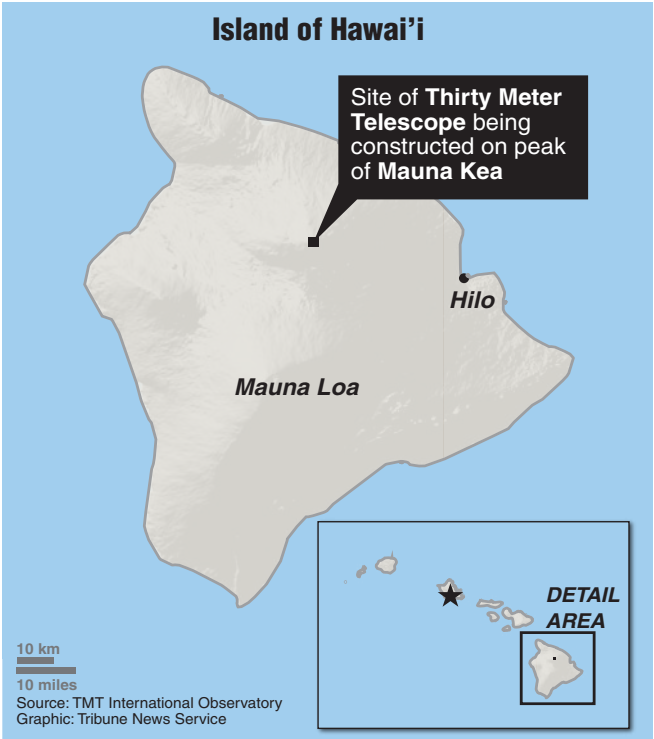


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Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios joins Commonwealth Casino Commission chair Juan Sablan, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC CEO and chair Mark Brown, and other IPI and Imperial CASHA officials during the Imperial CASHA Saipan's groundbreaking ceremony last Saturday at the Sinopan grounds in Tanapag.

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Multiple earthquakes in Marianas throughout July

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The Marianas experienced over three earthquakes throughout the month of July, but there were no threats of tsunamis.

The CNMI Homeland Security reported multiple earthquakes throughout July due to the constant volcanic activ-

ity within the Pacific Ring of Fire, that region that surrounds the Pacific Ocean and is characterized by much volcanic activity.

Last July 17, an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.7 occurred about 67 miles south of Guam at 8:04am and no tsunami threats were reported for Guam, Rota, Tinian, or Saipan.

Last July 14 at 8:10am, a 4.7-magnitude earthquake occurred 75 miles south of Merizo, Guam and no tsunami warnings or advisories were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

At 6:37am last July 12, a 4.3-magnitude earthquake occurred 16 kilometers west of Anatahan, Northern Marianas Islands. There were no reports

of injuries or damage to infrastructure and no tsunami warnings or advisories were issued.

At 11:58pm last July 8, a 4.5-magnitude earthquake occurred 96 kilometers north northeast of Anatahan, Northern Mariana Islands. There were no reports of injuries or damages to infrastructure and

no Tsunami warnings or advisories were issued.

The islands within the Marianas archipelago are prone to regular earthquakes because it is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire. Tremors happen almost daily in the Marianas region but they are usually not strong enough to be felt by people.

The Pacific Ring of Fire, or the Circum-Pacific Belt, is a U-shaped area in the Pacific Ocean basin that is made up of about 452 dormant and active volcanoes. The Pacific Ring of Fire is known for the continuous earthquakes influenced by the numerous active volcanoes in the region.

An oral account of CNMI tradition and culture

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The Indigenous Affairs Office is working with the elderly population on Saipan to collate oral accounts of authentic CNMI tradition and culture. Those accounts would then be shared at the upcoming annual Chamorro and Carolinian Identity Conference.

The effort is part of a collaboration among the island's elderly, the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the Carolinian Affairs Office. The information will be compiled, given to the elderly for verification, and

presented at the 3rd Annual Chamorro and Carolinian Identity Conference that is scheduled for Sept. 26.

According to IAO resident executive Roman Tudela Jr., the conference will discuss incorporating local traditions in daily activities and featuring them in community events so the oral accounts collected are related to language, culture, traditional tools, traditional architectural designs and other related topics.

Tudela said that one of the challenges they are currently facing is that many elderly are a bit uncomfortable when they are being interviewed with a

video recorder. Fortunately, IAO has worked around the challenge.

"We are trying to get as much information from as many of our *man'amko*. Unfortunately, they feel uncomfortable and uneasy to be interviewed with a video recorder so we use an audio recorder so as not to disrupt the flow of the conversation," he said.

The IAO and the CAO have been hosting the annual Chamorro and Carolinian identity conference since 2017.

Tudela said the first and second conferences were focused on the revival of Chamorro and Carolinian identities.

Rain cancels beach cleanup, bus stop painting



Members of the Rotary Club of Saipan and the Marianas High School Interact club collect trash around the Rotary Club's designated bus stop on Middle Road last Saturday.

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The ongoing monsoon that the CNMI is currently experiencing has resulted in the cancellation of the beach cleanup hosted by different Interact Clubs, the high school counterpart of the Rotary Club. The cleanup was slated to occur last Saturday morning at the San Antonio Beach Park, commonly known as Pakpak Beach.

According to Rotary Club International Service director Greg Borja, the heavy

rainfall in the early morning hours was strong so the Interact Clubs had to postpone the event to a later time.

The project is through the Marianas Visitors Authority's "Beautify My Marianas" program. It enables groups to raise money by giving them the opportunity to clean up designated sites. Beautify My Marianas offers \$100 for each cleanup.

The Rotary Club of Saipan's bus stop painting was also cancelled. Rotary Club presi-

dent Marcia Ayuyu informed *Saipan Tribune* that the bad weather didn't clear up and their plans of repainting their designated bus stop on Middle Road got cancelled.

Ayuyu said the only thing the group was able to do with the weather was to clean up the bus stop and postpone the event to a later time.

More details about the rescheduling of the events will be posted at a later time. (Marc A. Venus)

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tative of a bigger struggle.

In his early 30s, Ritte occupied a small Hawaiian island used as a military bombing range. Now at 74, he's still a prolific protester, getting arrested this week for blocking a road to stop construction of the one of the world's most powerful telescopes on Hawaii's tallest peak, which some Native Hawaiians consider sacred.

For activists who say they're protecting Mauna Kea, the long-running telescope fight encapsulates critical issues to Native Hawaiians: the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom, clashes over land and water rights, frustration over tourism, attempts to curb development and questions about how the islands should be governed.

It's an example of battles by Native Americans to preserve ancestral lands, with high-profile protests like Dakota Access pipeline leading to arrests in southern North Dakota in 2016 and 2017.

For Native Hawaiians, opposition to the \$1.4 billion Thirty Meter Telescope isn't universal—some support the educational opportunities



In this Sunday, July 14, 2019, file photo, Native Hawaiian activists pray at the base of Hawaii's Mauna Kea, background. AP

from the project and are facing backlash from those questioning their identity.

Ritte's first taste of activism came during a resurgence of cultural pride and identity that began in the late 1960s and 1970s. He and other Native Hawaiian men hid on the small island of Kahoolawe that the military used for bombing practice. They were arrested, but the U.S. eventually stopped the training.

"We didn't know anything about ourselves as Hawaiians," Ritte said of his youth. "When we got involved with Kahoolawe, we had no language, no history."

The young people leading the fight against the telescope grew up learning about his experiences and speaking Ha-

waiian amid an ongoing cultural renaissance. A 30-year-old leader of the telescope protest, Kaho'okahi Kanuha, credits Ritte and the Hawaiian movement for allowing him to grow up rooted to his culture.

"Uncle Walter can talk about not knowing the language and not knowing the history. But he knew how to stand up, and he knew how to fight," Kanuha said. "Because of the things they did, the results were Hawaiian language programs. The results were revitalization of the culture and of understanding and of awakening."

At Mauna Kea, Kanuha wears a traditional battle helmet as he speaks Hawaiian with protesters and negotiates with law enforcement. Thanks to the movement, he said he

was able to learn Hawaiian at an immersion preschool and eventually earn a bachelor's degree in Hawaiian language from the University of Hawaii.

He's fighting a project that dates to 2009, when scientists selected Mauna Kea after a global campaign to find the ideal site for what telescope officials said "will likely revolutionize our understanding of the universe." The mountain on the Big Island is revered for its consistently clear weather and lack of light pollution.

The telescope won a series of approvals from Hawaii, including a permit to build on conservation land in 2011. Protests began during a groundbreaking in 2014 and culminated in arrests in 2015.

Last year, the state Supreme Court upheld the construction permit, though protesters are still fighting in court and at the mountain.

Thirty-four people, mostly elders, were arrested this week as officials try to start building again.

The swelling protest is a natural reaction to the pain Native Hawaiians have endured and the changes the islands have seen, said Glen Kila, program director of Marae Ha'a Koa, a Hawaiian cultural center.

"The pain began when they took people off the land," he

said. "And then they took governance and stewardship of the land, like Mauna Kea."

The battle is bigger than the telescope, said Hinailemoana Wong-Kalu, a teacher and cultural practitioner.

"The TMT and Mauna Kea is just the focal point. For me it's just a galvanizing element," she said. "It goes back to the role that foreigners played and continue to play in Hawaii."

From 18th century explorer James Cook's arrival in the islands, to laborers brought to plantations and today's tourism, the telescope is another example of outside interests overtaking Hawaiian culture, she said.

"They capitalize and commercialize our culture," Wong-Kalu said. "They prostitute the elements that make us Hawai-

ian. They make it look pretty and make it look alluring in an effort to bring more money into this state."

But not all Native Hawaiians see the telescope as representative of past wrongs.

"My family feels that they're trying to use the TMT to boost their sovereignty issue," said Annette Reyes, a Native Hawaiian who supports the telescope project. "I want sovereignty for the Hawaiian people. I want them to have their country back. But TMT shouldn't be the lightning rod for it."

Reyes pointed to telescope officials' pledge to provide \$1 million every year to boost science, technology, engineering and math education. She said opponents have called her a fake Hawaiian for supporting the project.

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past the House Committee on Energy and Commerce after it obtained enough support last July 11, 2019, just two days after the legislation was introduced in the U.S. House.

The bill now heads to the floor of the House for action, alongside the No Surprises Act, which protects patients who unknowingly receive expensive care from doctors not in the patient's insurance network.

According to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), H.R. 3631 would give the CNMI \$60 million every year for six years to fund the Medicaid health insurance program.

"Currently, the Marianas gets a fixed block grant, \$6.7 million in fiscal [year] 2019. This is a nine-fold increase, better than any other area receives in the [legislation]," Sablan noted in a statement.

Under the 2010 Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, the NMI was provided \$109 million. The funds were completely depleted in March 2019, according to the NMI Medicaid office, until Sablan was able to secure \$36 million for the NMI through a floor amendment to the disaster recovery bill in January 2019.

"That money, along with another \$8.2 million...from the Department of Health and Human Services in April 2019, has kept the program running," a statement from Sablan's office noted.

Under H.R. 3631, the NMI is not obligated to meet the local match for federal Medicaid money until 2022.

"Zero local match in 2019, 2020, and 2021 will take pressure off of Commonwealth government resources," Sablan noted. "This is particularly good news given the current

government austerity, as the economy recovers from last year's typhoons and with the revenue drop from the tourism and gambling sectors."

"The Commonwealth budgeted \$4.64 million for Medicaid matching last year. That money can all be saved now and for the next two years. It can be used to repair schools or for other recovery efforts," he added.

H.R. 3631 among other things, also directs the CNMI to annually report on how the Medicaid money is being used to increase access to health care, increase covered benefits, and expand provider networks in efforts to make program integrity improvements. American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI will also be required to begin reporting within four years to the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services just as Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and all the other states already do.

Also, American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI will be required to show progress on establishing a Medicaid fraud control unit in their respective Attorney General's Office.

Sablan previously held a hearing on the "Medicaid cliff," where NMI Medicaid administrator Helen Sablan noted in her testimony in the U.S. Congress that the NMI is already in "freefall" after using up all of its Medicaid money right after Super Typhoon Yutu. Commonwealth Health Care Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña also testified for the CNMI, alongside medical representatives from Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Sablan noted that this started the momentum for the legislation, allowing for a similar hearing by the Health Subcommittee in June to follow.

CJMT

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harmful to the community," said King-Hinds in response to *Saipan Tribune's* request for comments about airspace protections issue.

She said the divert training activities on Tinian are both training and operational requirements for the U.S. Air Force "which are relatively benign."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the proposed CJMT program addresses theater-wide training needs in the Western Pacific and serves joint and allied training needs that extend beyond the requirements of Guam-based Marines.

Last May, the U.S. Department of Defense, the CPA, and the CNMI government signed a 40-year lease agreement worth \$21.9 million for cer-

tain airport and seaport properties on Tinian for the U.S. Air Force's divert airfield.

Now CPA feels it was blindsided by a new U.S. Navy request to the Federal Aviation Administration to place restrictions on the airspace of the Tinian International Airport. CPA finds it particularly galling that the U.S. Navy made the request directly with FAA and without consulting CPA and the CNMI.

King-Hinds said the Navy's request to FAA presumes that they will be able to conduct their live training activities as proposed under the CNMT Environmental Impact Statement.

Right now, she said, the Navy is supposed to be revising the CJMT EIS to address the thousands of concerns raised by the people of the CNMI.

"This action basically tells us that the Navy doesn't care

about the people of Tinian," she said.

Last April 30, Navy Secretary Richard W. Spencer requested the FAA administrator for unspecified but appropriate "relief" in the airspace protections over the Tinian International Airport.

Spencer's request prompted King-Hinds to write Spencer last June 17, expressing that CPA is both surprised and "beyond disturbed" by his memorandum and the manner in which CPA received it.

"We don't understand how anyone would think that CPA would find this acceptable. The request is ridiculous enough on its face," King-Hinds said.

King-Hinds said Friday that Spencer did not reply to her letter as well as to the letter from the Tinian leadership.

Last Tuesday, the CPA board of directors unanimously passed a resolution oppos-

ing the Navy's request to include the airspace around the Tinian International Airport in the restrictive area.

The CPA board of directors agreed that the removal of airspace protections over the Tinian International Airport creates many issues that the Navy failed to discuss or consider with CPA prior to the Navy sending its request.

Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Saipan), Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Edwin P. Aldan, and Tinian Municipal Council chair Thomasa P. Mendiola also wrote acting FAA administrator Daniel K. Elwell recently to express their opposition to the Navy's plan.

The elected Tinian leaders said it is their position that restricting airspace in and around Tinian will jeopardize health, safety, welfare, and economic wellbeing of the people of Tinian.

releasing information contained in their audited financial reports that they insist is confidential, arguing that the audit also contains information about two other sister-companies of IPI that do not operate on Saipan and are not the casino licensee and are therefore out of the commission's purview.

Govendo issued a temporary restraining order against CCC and held a three-day hearing on IPI's motion for preliminary injunction. Af-

ter completing the three-day hearing, Govendo placed the matter under advisement, while encouraging them to sit down and resolve the matter, considering that IPI's tax information is no longer the only issue being argued, but other information included in IPI's audited financial statements that was not divulged in court.

Last week, CCC's five members unanimously rejected IPI's proposal for CCC to agree to what essentially is

another preliminary injunction that will give IPI 120 days to push an amendment of the law to resolve their legal dispute.

CCC members agreed to just wait for Govendo to release an order on the dispute.

To resolve the ongoing dispute, CCC made an offer to IPI for IPI to withdraw the lawsuit and work on having the law amended.

IPI's counter-offer was to be given 120 days to work on having the law amended but the CCC refused.

TRO

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tending the TRO is necessary to appropriately decide on the preliminary injunction. He extended the TRO to July 25.

Compared to a TRO, a preliminary injunction is considered a more long-term solution to prohibiting the release of certain information while the lawsuit is ongoing.

IPI is suing CCC for prohibit the commission from

IPI, American Sinopan break ground on planned resort

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, which is still in the middle of completing its centerpiece, the Imperial Palace Saipan in the heart of Garapan, broke ground last Saturday on an integrated resort it is planning to build with American Sinopan LLC in Tanapag.

To be called Imperial Casha, a scale model of the planned resort was presented to the public also last Saturday at the lobby of the Imperial Palace, to highlight possible investment opportunities. Prominent Chinese economist Lang Xianping later did a presentation to several Chinese investors about Imperial Casha.

Among those present at the Tanapag groundbreaking ceremony were Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, who was acting in Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' stead, IPI chair and CEO Mark A. Brown, Imperial Casha Group CEO Liu Tao, and other members of the Imperial Casha and IPI groups.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Palacios is optimistic about the project. "The past few years saw economic de-



Spectators look at a scale model of the slated Imperial Casha Saipan hotel that Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC plans to build in Tanapag. The company had a groundbreaking ceremony last Saturday.

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land belonging to American Sinopan, as the wait was taking years.

IPI acquired a 50% stake in American Sinopan just last July 11. American Sinopan owns two pieces of land on Saipan, with a total land area of 129,687 square meters. The first piece is located on Capital Hill, where a set of 12 villas and a three-story clubhouse are to be built; and the second being the land acquired by American Sinopan in Tanapag.

velopments in the CNMI... even as our community recovers from the effects of natural disasters," he said.

Brown told *Saipan Tribune* that the planned Tanapag resort will have between 1,500 and 1,700 rooms and creates possible investments for Saipan. With this project, he believes more investors will be coming to Saipan and will just increase over time.

"We're all striving for the same goal—success for all the businesses on the island," he said.

He said their company's investment in Sinopan is because IPI has been waiting too long for the Marpi land, as they have been finding it difficult to secure the land. The company resorted to just invest in a privately-owned land, which is the same

CAO hosts lavalava-making camp tomorrow

The Carolinian Affairs Office is inviting the public to join its lavalava-making camp tomorrow at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. The camp will be from 9am to 1pm.

CAO project manager Paul Ythamar said they are targeting high school students be-

cause lavalava-making is one of the crafts that is slowly losing popularity over time.

A lavalava is a single rectangular cloth worn as a skirt and is traditionally worn by in Oceania. Lavalava-making takes weeks to complete. For beginners, the instruction will take

at least one day, and another week to string the banana fiber. Ythamar also mentioned that it may take a couple of weeks to weave the lava lava.

For more information about this event, contact the CAO at (670) 234-6385. *(Marc A. Venus)*

PROPOSED TAX ON GAMING BUSINESSES

CCC wants time to review legislation

The Commonwealth Casino Commission wants more time to talk about a bill that proposes a 10% gambling revenue tax on all gambling establishments on Saipan, including the Imperial Pacific International (Saipan) LLC's casino.

CCC board chair Juan M. Sablan said Thursday that they just got a copy of House Local Bill 21-23 and that he asked the other commissioners and CCC members to review the legislation.

Sablan said one commissioner, in fact, recommended that they be given an extension to look into it and reply.

Sablan said he himself has no position on the bill yet.

"I have to get the entire commission's position. One guy does not represent the entire commission. We have to get the majority," he said.

Acting CCC executive director Charlie O. Atalig said they did get a letter from the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation asking for their input and recommendations on House Local Bill 21-33.

Atalig said they will go through with the legislation, give their internal feedback, compile it in a letter, then sub-

mit it to the Legislature.

Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan), who introduced the legislation, earlier stated that the local delegation is authorized

to impose gambling revenue taxes on top of any other Commonwealth taxes that a gaming establishment is required to pay. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Investor says his signatures were forged, causing him to lose \$200K

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REPORTER

A Chinese investor and his company are suing two corporations in federal court, claiming that his signature had been forged, causing the fraudulent transfer of his \$200,000 worth of shares, change of the company's name, and his resignation from the board.

Chimeng Science & Technology Co. Ltd. and Junjie Wu are suing Black Bison Travel Corp., Jili Corp., and 10 other unnamed co-defendants, for fraud, conversion, breach of

contract, unjust enrichment, and fraudulent transfer.

CST and Wu, through counsel Colin M. Thompson, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold Black Bison Travel Corp., Jili Corp., and co-defendants liable to pay them damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

According to the complaint, Ji Li Corp. was established under CNMI laws in 2011 and that Wu, as president and corporate representative of CST, had invested in Ji Li in late 2016.

CST allegedly began at this

time paying all employee salaries, bought vehicles, made improvements to buildings and fixtures as well as other investments in Ji Li.

On June 11, 2017, Wu was elected president and treasurer of Ji Li after he invested \$200,000 in exchange for 200,000 shares of the company.

Thompson said that on March 21, 2018, a Ji Li board meeting was held in which it was resolved to change the company name to Black Bison Travel Corp.

Thompson said the meet-

ing minutes indicate that it was Wu who called the meeting, yet Wu never called the meeting and his signature had been forged.

On April 12, 2018, a document was executed that shows that CST transferred its 200,000 company shares to vice president Hai Ying Jiang for \$200,000. Thompson said Wu never transferred any shares from CST to Jiang and that his signature on this document was again forged.

Thompson said Wu's signature was also forged in an amended articles of incorpora-

tion indicating that Jiang holds 450,000 shares and Wu hold only 50,000 shares.

The lawyer said Wu's signature was also forged in a letter dated Sept. 10, 2018, in-

dicating that he resigned from the company.

Thompson accused the defendants of several lies and of engaging in an ongoing fraudulent enterprise.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military trainings set ASAN, Guam—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 will conduct training on July 22-25 at the Dandan-Malojloj training site in Inarajan from 11am to 11:55pm.

HSC-25 will also conduct training on July 24-25 at Radio Barrigada, from 6:30pm to 1am.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. The public should be advised that routine helicopter training, often accompanied with the use of blanks, can occur during these trainings.

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on July 23-25, from 11am to 1pm, at the island of Farallon de Medinilla.

This training supports aircrew combat readiness and is critical to developing the skills needed to respond to operational missions throughout the region to ensure a stable, free and open Indo-Pacific.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be within a 12-nauti-

cal-mile radius of the island. **(PR)**

October meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's October general membership meeting will be on Oct. 3, 2018, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at 12pm.

The guest speakers are Commonwealth Health Care Corp. CEO Esther Muña, who will provide an update on CHCC; Federal Emergency Management Agency external affairs officer David Gervino; and a Small Business Administration representative to share some information about small business assistance.

The U.S. Marine Corps, Reserve, and Saipan Young Professionals will also kick off the Toys 4 Tots Program.

To attend, the Chamber-member fee is \$25/person and for non-members \$35/person. Make a reservation for six or more individuals so a table can be reserved for you. To make a reservation or for more information, call the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at 234-7150 or 234-7151. **(PR)**

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Rezone Application # 2019-2458

Department of Public Works (DPW)

From "Agricultural" to "Rural" Zoning district for construction of a new Kagman Residential Solid Waste Transfer Station Lot# 004 G 43 (Kagman, fronting Gabgab Drive)

**August 22, 2019
Thursday, 5:00 p.m.
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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Rezone Application # 2019-2112

Francisco Paul B. Roberto

From "Village Commercial" to "Mixed Commercial" Zoning district to operate an Auto Body Shop/Vehicle Repair, General Lots# TR21863-13 & TR21863NEW-R1 (Dandan/Airport Road)

**August 22, 2019
Thursday, 5:00 p.m.
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- Must be able to read, write and speak Korean Language for better communications with the main office and with the customers.
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- 6.) Confirms reservations, arranges sales of optional tours or services.
- 7.) Assist in selling of optional tours, assist customers on daily basis in explaining all the optional tours and rental items available and perform other duties as assigned or as required.
- 8.) Explain the different optional tours available on the island.
- 9.) Explain and inform tourist customers about the different historic tourist spots on the island to give each customer knowledge about the islands history and its significance to the people of Saipan.

Requirements:

- Two years related experience in Tour/ Travel Industry.
- Must be able to speak, read and write the Korean language for better communication with the tourist customers.
- Computer skill required (Microsoft-Office-Excel/Word)
- At least High school Graduate.
- Traffic and police clearance required- Applied Equally to US and CW-1 Workers.
- Must possess a Tour Guide Certificate from MVA/NMC.
- Must possess a valid CNMI Driver's License.
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Judge concerned about case's Article 12 implications

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REPORTER

An executor of an estate that owns parcels of land in western Garapan where Tony Roma's and Capricciosa's restaurants are located wants the Superior Court to approve a new lease agreement under the estate with Triple J Saipan Inc.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is, however, concerned that the proposed lease may violate Article 12 restrictions. That article of the NMI Constitution restricts long-term interests in real property to persons of NMI descent.

Camacho has concerns that Triple J, which owns Tony Roma's and Capricciosa's, is using different corporations to circumvent Article 12, which limits leases to 55 years, including renewal.

The old land lease expires next year.

Camacho ordered Triple J lawyer James Stump to submit a brief on or before last Tuesday on the issue if a lease on real property can be extended by the same/subsidiary company and its Article 12 implications.

Many original land leases are close to expiring such as hotels, golf courses, commercial buildings, and other businesses on Saipan.

Last June 20, Probio Dela Cruz Cabrera Jr., executor of the estate of Probio M. Cabrera (deceased), filed a motion to approve the lease agreement on the Garapan properties.

Probio Dela Cruz Cabrera, through lawyer, Vincent DLG Torres Jr., said this new lease agreement with Triple J is in the best interest of the heirs because it will financially benefit them.

In Triple J Saipan's support of Cabrera's motion to approve the lease filed Tuesday, Stump said Article 12 defines a long-term interest in real property to include a freehold or leasehold interest of more than 55 years.

Stump argued that Article 12 restrictions are inapplicable in this case as the proposed lease does not take effect until the present lease expires and that the proposed lease is with parties that have no common ownership interests.

Currently, Stump said, there is an existing lease on the property, which was established on April 2, 1980, between Probio M. Cabrera and a Mr. Jerry W. Crowe with an expiration date of March 31, 2020.

Stump said that on Oct. 5, 1983, the Crowe lease was assigned to Town House Inc., which was subsequently recorded with the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder on Oct. 20, 1983.

Stump said Town House Inc. is a corporation formed under the CNMI laws whose shareholders, directors and officers are identified in its annual corporate report filed with the Commonwealth Registrar of Corporations on March 1, 2019.

The annual corporate report identified the shareholders as Trenton Brian Conner, Silvestre C. Palacios, estate of Freddy V. Hofschneider, Romano Matsumoto, Jose P. San Nicolas, Mariano Sablan, Robert P. Lazaro, Alfonso Reyes, Jones & Guerrero Co. Inc., and Seymour Saipan Inc.

Listed as directors are Elaine Cruz Jones, Ramona L.E. Jones, Henry Sy Sr., Elizabeth Sy, Noli Cadag, Sylvestre Palacios, and Teresita Sy Coson.

Henry Sy Sr., a Filipino business magnate and philanthropist, was named by *Forbes* magazine as the richest person in the Philippines for 11 straight years until his death in January 2019. Elizabeth



Camacho

Sy and Teresita Sy Coson are among his six children.

Listed as officers are Elaine Cruz Jones, Henry Sy Sr., Noli C. Cadag, Ramona L.E. Jones, and Elizabeth Sy.

Stump said that on July 22, 1994, Town House signed a sublease with Comete Saipan Inc. for use of the property during the entire remainder of the term of the Town House lease.

The Comete sublease was recorded on Sept. 1, 1994, with the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder.

Stump said the most recent annual corporation report for Comete identifies its shareholders as LVMH Moet Hennesy and Louis Vuitton Inc.; and its directors as Lamont James Beighley, Martin Matthews, and Ron Cannoles. Listed as Comete's officers are Lamont James Beighley, Martin Matthews, Hideki Maedomari, Chung Kun Ng, William J. Blair, David Suzuki, and Ron Cannoles.

Stump said that on Nov. 6, 2003, Comete entered into a five-year sublease of the property with WDI Saipan Inc., a CNMI corporation. The sublease started on Feb. 1, 2004 with two automatically exercised five-year options to extend the sublease.

Under this sublease, if both five-year options are exercised, the total term of the sublease would run through Jan. 31,

2019, he said.

Stump said the WDI sub-subleased property was subsequently developed by WDI for use as Tony Roma's and Capricciosa's restaurants.

Stump said that on June 30, 2010, Triple J purchased all of the shares of WDI and merged the company into Triple J and assumed the operation of two restaurants and the sublease interests in the property.

Stump said Triple J's 2018 annual report identified its shareholders as Robert H. Jones, Margaret A. Jones, Triple J Auto Distributors Inc., the three Jones children, and irrevocable trust.

Listed as directors and officers are Robert H. Jones, Margaret A. Jones, Jeffrey B. Jones,

Robert Daniel Murrell, Jay B. Jones, and Michael S. Sablan.

Stump said that last May 22, Triple J. entered into a proposed lease with the executor of the estate of Probio Cabrera for the establishment of a lease for the property.

Stump said the lease would be commencing on the date of the expiration of the existing lease between the estate and Town House Inc. and running for an initial term of 10 years followed by nine options to extend the lease for a total possible term of 55 years.

Stump said under the proposed lease structure, the monthly rent paid to the estate of Cabrera will increase from the current rate of \$1,064 to an initial rate of \$15,000, which will be subsequently increased every five years by 5%. The proposed

lease was submitted to the court for approval last June 20.

Stump said the plain language of the Article 12 restrictions prohibit the establishment of leasehold interests in real property by parties not of NMI descent that exceed a term of 55 years.

In this case, Stump said, the "parties" to the existing lease were Probio Cabrera and Jerry M. Crowe for a 40-year term that expires on March 19, 2020.

Stump said the Crowe lease is still the underlying control leasehold interest and has not been extended.

Stump said the original lessee, Jerry Crowe, is not a party to the proposed lease and has not had any involvement of any manner in this proposed transaction and thus does not violate the Article 12 restrictions.

Torres, HANMI invited to submit brief on Article 12, land lease renewal issues

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has invited Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, some government agencies, the Hotel Association of the NMI, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce to submit briefs on issues involving Article 12 of the NMI Constitution and the renewal of land leases.

Camacho issued Wednesday the invitation to submit an *amicus curiae* brief in connection with an estate executor's request for court's approval of a new land lease agreement under the estate with Triple J Saipan Inc.

Amicus curiae (friend of the court) refers to a brief filed in court by an entity who is not a party to a case. It is a non-party individual or entity who assists the court by offering information, expertise, or insight that is relevant to

the issues in a case.

This comes as Camacho's courtroom entertains a case related to the estate of Probio Cabrera, which owns parcels of land in western Garapan where Tony Roma's and Capricciosa's restaurants are located.

Camacho asked the invited parties to submit a brief on the question: Does Article 12 prohibit a corporation, or its subsidiaries that took over the lease, from entering into a new lease if entering into the new lease would give the lessor a long-term interest in the real property for more than the original 55 years?

Others who've also been invited to submit brief are the Office of Lt. Gov. Arnold Palacios, the Legislature, the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Public

Lands, Marianas Public Land Trust, and the Strategic Economic Development Council.

The briefs are due on or before Sept. 10, 2019.

The hearing on Cabrera estate's executor motion to approve the lease, which was originally set last Thursday, was rescheduled to Sept. 12, 2019, at 10am before Camacho.

Camacho said the issues involving Article 12 and the renewal of land leases, or new land leased by current corporations in possession of existing land leases, has far-reaching ramifications that affect people of Northern Marianas descent, businesses, investors, and the government. Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution limits landownership in the CNMI only to those of Northern Marianas descent.



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The Senate confirmed two additional nominations to the NMI's Civil Service Commission during the continuation of their session Thursday.

The Senate confirmed both Felicitas P. Abraham and Jake U. Maratita to the seven-man CSC, on a vote of 8-0.

Abraham told *Saipan Tribune* that some of the things she would like to push at the CSC include improved grievance concerns of employees as well as reviewing some laws that automatically convert study years into experience after a certain educational degree is attained.

"...Some jobs may not require two years; some jobs require exposure," she said.

Financial aid still available for NMC's fall semester

Individuals interested in applying for Northern Marianas College's fall 2019 semester can still receive financial aid to help with tuition and other academic expenses. Prospective students are encouraged to attend NMC's upcoming information session to learn more about the federal financial aid program, which uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA.

The information session, which is open to all interested community members, will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in NMC's Olympio T. Borja Library.

FAFSA is administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Through the program's various types of grants, loans, and scholarships, the program is the largest financial aid pro-

Senate confirms Abraham, Maratita to CSC



The Senate confirmed Jake Maratita, sixth right, and Felicitas Abraham, seventh right, into the CNMI Civil Service Commission during the continuation of their session yesterday.

ERWIN ENCINARES

"...We have been working on our class specifications, we are revamping it actu-

ally," she said, referring to some of the concerns the senators brought up during

her public hearing.

Abraham would be taking back some notes from the public hearing to review when the CSC reorganizes, including topics such as the sick leave bank.

Grievance concerns are also

on the list "before it comes to the CSC, when the employee and his attorney or employer cannot agree to a solution or when the director of personal [maintains a position] and the employee is not happy," she said.

Some instances include grievance concerns for when an employee applies for a promotion and is not selected.

"We might have to change that," she said. "Those are some of the things the Senate wants us to look at."

SAFA, DLNR thank SNILD appropriation

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An official of the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association is confident that Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, who is acting in Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' stead, will enact a bill that allocates \$23,000 to SAFA, just in time for this Saturday's agricultural fair.

The 36th Annual Agricultural Fair will be held on July 27, from 7am to 2pm, at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse.

SAFA officer Jack Ogomuro is grateful to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for passing House Bill 21-44 at their last session

and is confident that Palacios will sign the bill on time as it heads to the Office of the Governor.

H.B. 21-44 appropriates \$1.96 million in poker fees and part of that is the \$23,000 that will be used for the Agricultural Fair.

SAFA president Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz also gave thanks to the delegation for providing the funds.

Similarly, Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony Benavente also thanked the delegation for the money. "With that funding, it will help us [improve] this [year's] Agricultural Fair," he said. That includes bigger prizes for the winners of the

fair's various competitions and ensuring that they can continue the fair next year.

"This could not be possible without the Legislature's help," he added.

The SNILD is made up of a combination of Saipan senators and House representatives. The bill also appropriated \$7,000 to the Saipan Fishing Association for the 35th Fishing Derby last Saturday.

The Agricultural Fair was held at the Civic Center last year, but due to damage caused by Super Typhoon Yutu, SAFA chose to hold it at the Roundhouse this year, with the theme "Agri-resiliency."

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 22, 2000

Omnibus bill OK'd

Holding back-to-back sessions early last night, the Legislature finally cleared a compromise proposal on the Omnibus Labor and Business Reform Act which both houses hammered out with the Tenorio administration. HB 12-39 now heads to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for his signature, five months since the legislation, sponsored by Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, was introduced in the lower house as one of its key economic measures. A bicameral conference committee met earlier yesterday prior to the special sessions to iron out differences following House's rejection of the Senate amendment to the bill.

Flat tax rate proposed

The House of Representatives yesterday began the process of reforming the islands' taxation system with a bill introduced by Speaker Benigno R. Fitial seeking to implement a flat tax rate scheme similar to those being proposed in the U.S. Congress. This will help revamp the current local tax code which lawmakers describe as "complex, inefficient, unfriendly to the creation of new jobs and business, punitive to existing workers and businesses, and unfair in its multiple tax rate structure." Although a comprehensive overhaul and simplification of the CNMI's taxation system, specifically on a flat income tax, will require consent of Congress, the initial steps will provide

significant reforms and ease complexities in other local taxes.

July 22, 2005

Teachers left with online option for PRAXIS I test

Teachers who have yet to register for the regular PRAXIS I test scheduled for this September have no more recourse but to take the examination online.

This, after Public School System director of finance Richard Waldo announced that the deadline for the regular pen-and-paper test for PRAXIS I has lapsed. "They do not have any option but to register for [the] online test," he said. Waldo reiterated that it is now too late to apply for the regular test. "But if they would register for online testing they might make it." He, however, said that there might still be a slim chance NMC may still reconsider and urged teachers who have yet to sign up to go to the college and

plead their cases.

MPLA wants Marpi signs relocated

The Marianas Public Lands Authority, at the demand of the local tourism industry, has called for the relocation of billboards in Marpi closer to the Marianas Resort and Spa area. MPLA public information officer Ed Arriola Jr. said yesterday that the agency had asked Life Spring Corp. to remove its commercial signs from its current location across the Last Command Post in Marpi, where several historical and sightseeing spots are situated. MPLA's action followed the agency's July 15 meeting with officials of the Marianas Visitors Authority, which had opposed the placement of commercial signs around Marpi. According to MVA managing director Vicky Benavente, the commercial signs go against the tourism agency's marketing strategy, which is to promote the Marpi area "as a natural environment where

people are able to go for relaxation and/or meditation."

July 22, 2008

CPA moves forward with Tinian landing system

The Commonwealth Ports Authority last week took an early step toward the construction of an instrument landing system at Tinian's airport, a key move for boosting tourism on the island. CPA has offered a contract to design the system, which will help guide aircraft into Tinian's airport, to the engineering and architectural firm Thales Inc, acting CPA director Lee Cabrera said. However, the company has yet to accept the \$300,000 to \$400,000 contract officially, Cabrera added. Local Tinian government officials have long sought the construction of the landing system to aid the island's tourism industry. Business leaders note that the task of convincing charter flight companies to serve the

island has proven challenging as the absence of a landing system increases the risks associated with flying there.

'Future status of some IRs uncertain'

Federal Labor ombudsman Jim Benedetto said the Department of Homeland Security may come up with a solution on how to address the status of immediate relatives of CNMI permanent residents. "As far as the people who'd become IRs [under] the CNMI permanent residence program that was discontinued years ago, I don't know what's going to happen to them," said Benedetto during Saturday's forum with Bangladeshi, Nepalese, Sri Lankan, and Indian communities held at Kili Beach pavilion. The official said that when the federalization law was drafted, the authors did not even know that these class of people existed. It was not clear how many IRs of permanent residents exist in the CNMI.

New faces, new school year at Mount Carmel

Mount Carmel School is readying for the new school year and is welcoming back most of last year's teachers and staff, as well as some new and not-so-new faces.

FRANCES TAIMANAO 8th Grade English teacher



Frances Taimanao is no stranger to the school, having taught at the school and served as principal for many years, and even earning both Teacher of the Year and an Honorary Alum-Knight status. Last year, Taimanao had to leave to address some medical issues in her family. While necessary, she missed the school. "Leaving the school was very difficult because it was like leaving my family."

She has now decided to return to the classroom to teach 8th grade English. "My heart was always with the school, and I appreciate the school having me back."

Taimanao is also excited to be back in the classroom. "Besides having my students become better readers and writers, my goal is to reach out to all my students and empower them by using growth mindset methods in my class. With this in place, anything is possible."

"I want them to feel important and that they matter in their own way."

With Taimanao in the classroom, last year's acting principal, Barbara Merfalen, is promoted to the principal position full-time.

VICTORIA DELEON GUERRERO Director of Institutional Development



Like Taimanao, Victoria Deleon Guerrero is no stranger to Mount Carmel School. A member of the Class of 2013, she was active in the school's Theatre Club, Mock Trial program, and Student Council, and also won the Attorney General's Cup. After graduating from Seattle University with a bachelor of arts in the Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies & Theatre, Deleon Guerrero served as the marketing coordinator for Northern Marianas College for the past two years.

Deleon Guerrero returns to her alma mater as its direc-

tor of Development. While she admits that returning to the school as an employee is "very surreal," she is also excited. "To be giving back as a young professional gives me a greater sense of pride and purpose."

Looking ahead to the new school year, Deleon Guerrero said, "I am especially excited about being part of the team that will help rebuild the school's gymnasium. Not only is it the site where the CNMI Constitution was signed but, as an AlumKnight, it has been the facility that has taken care of so many students and families."

"I'm very hopeful that our team will make this shared vision come to fruition."

With Deleon Guerrero stepping in as the director of Institutional Development, John Blanco, who had previously served in that position and served as an acting business manager last year, will now serve as the school's official business manager

BRITTANY NORRIS Academic adviser



Mount Carmel School has long been known as a college preparatory school that helps her students gain admission into some of the world's top institutions of higher education, including Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technol-

ogy, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Notre Dame, Ateneo de Manila University, and Seoul National University. To build on that legacy, this year, the school welcomes Brittany Norris, who will serve as the academic adviser for high school students. Norris earned a bachelor of arts degree in Communication from UC Santa Barbara and a master of arts degree in Education from San Diego State University. Norris has extensive experience in K-12 and higher education, with particular expertise in supporting students transition into college.

Norris is eager to use her experience and expertise to help students prepare for college. "I am hoping to further enhance the college-going culture that already exists at the school. I want to make sure that anyone who wants to go to college does so and, ultimately, that students feel ready to succeed once they're there."

While new to the school and the island, Norris said, "I am most excited to meet the students and their families in order to familiarize myself with the culture here."

As the academic adviser, Norris will teach the school's Knights Seminar course for seniors, which helps students apply for colleges and prepares them for life after high school with curriculum strands in work-readiness, financial literacy, and soft skills. Norris will also work with other high school teachers to expand the Knights Seminar curriculum to all

high school grade levels, as well as coaching individual students through the college admissions process.

JENER PINEDA High school math teacher



Like Norris, Jener Pineda comes to Mount Carmel School as a math teacher with an impressive track record in education.

A graduate of Holy Angel University with a bachelor's degree in Education, Pineda has taught in K-12 schools for over two decades and recently served as a school administrator. Pineda has also established a reputation as an inspiring and effective coach for various interscholastic academic competitions.

Pineda's success as an educator is rooted in his deep commitment to students, which he looks forward to bringing to the school. "It is my desire to create a stimulating educational environment for my students."

When asked about how he feels about joining the Mount

Carmel School family, Pineda said, "I feel so blessed, proud, grateful and happy to be part of MCS family. ...I know that I will be surrounded by collaborative, friendly, creative, passionate, happy, and talented colleagues that want to help people learn."

RANDEE-JO BARCINAS MANGLONA High school English teacher



A native of Rota, Randee-Jo Barcinas Manglona also comes to Mount Carmel School with a strong background in education. After

earning a bachelor of arts in

English from Portland State University, Manglona earned a master of Education from Concordia University. She has also served both as a teacher and as a journalist in the Portland area.

Aware of the impact that Super Typhoon Yutu continues to have on students and their families, Manglona hopes to help students keep moving forward. "I hope to better serve my community, make a difference in this world, and inspire and touch the lives of the younger generation and people around me."

The 2019-2020 school year will begin on Thursday, Aug. 8. Limited slots are still available for some grade levels. To learn more or to apply, visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com or call 234-6184. (PR)

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EDITORIAL

Is today's America too divided to achieve great things?

We want to join the many voices rightly celebrating one of the greatest moments in our history. How hard it must have been to even imagine that journey 50 years ago that saw America reach out and touch something so distant, mysterious and powerful.

The iconic images of the moon landing that returned to us became instant symbols of our ability as a people and a culture to make real what we could only imagine.

Not even the confines of the planet itself were enough to contain American, and human, ingenuity and will.

We want to celebrate that today, but we have some pause.

We find ourselves asking if the America we live in today is capable of such wonder and awe.

We don't mean technologically. Every day seems to bring us some advancement that would have seemed impossible a decade ago. We are so washed in technology that we take its abilities for granted. We assume the impossible now.

No, what more worries us today are the political and cultural questions that reflecting on the moon landing draw up.

Are we a nation that can gather around a singular goal and make it ours? Are we a country that can be unironic and patriotic enough to take seriously President John F. Kennedy's call that we sacrifice our individual selves for the whole of the republic?

We aren't convinced the answer to those questions is yes.

This isn't to cast a halcyon glow on the past. Apart from the Civil War, it's hard to name another era so politically torn as the late 1960s. And the country was torn for good reason. We needed to expand civil rights, to make good on the promise of equality, and that pain was part of the price for that work. The nation was also embroiled in war, and armed conflict is something that always leads to intense public debate.

What might have been different, though, was the sense of what America, as an idea, represented.

Today, the most prominent voices on the left too often cast America more in the light of its sins than its promise and achievements, as a place of division where power and privilege are simply an accident of birth or the spoils of faction and tribe. And, from the loudest voices on the right, the nation seems ever more unwelcoming and isolationist and fearful, not as the leader of nations devoted to the expansion of human freedom and democracy.

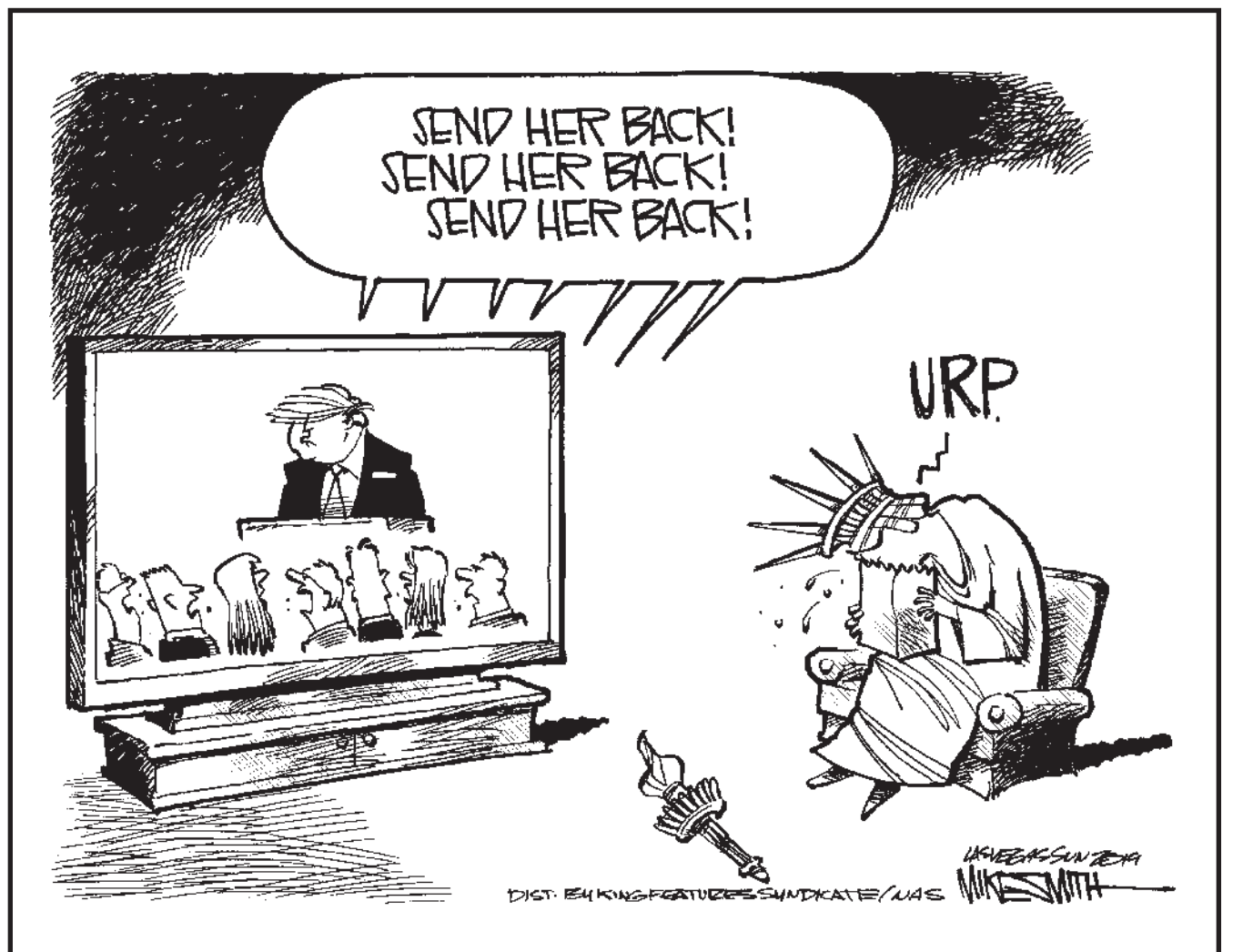
We believe that America is much better than those negative voices would pretend—voices amplified ironically enough through technology.

We believe Americans want to see the nation the way we were able to see it when our flag was planted in the dust and rock of the moon.

This is a country capable of making human life better and that has made human life better through all of our achievements—scientific, political and social.

Let's consider that for a moment in wonder and awe. Then, let's go together to achieve the next great thing.

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Student parents

“Johnny, have you seen my backpack?”
“Mom, I told you to keep track of your school stuff.”

My junior year in college, there were approximately 100 students studying architecture in my class. I remember two of those students were parents. The other 98 were fairly typical students at the time: Straight out of high school they began as freshmen, many worked, the vast majority were Caucasian males, very few were Hispanic and even fewer were African-American. Everyone attended class in the daylight hours, five days a week. The demographic characteristics have changed markedly in just over four decades.

One powerful change is that in increasing numbers students are also parents. The impact of student parents on the nature of the university has been recognized with the addition of child care, counseling and support groups. With the exception of child care, these services are generally available to all college students and may not fully address the complexities of being both parent and student.

Student parents seek and select college arrangements that meet their needs. *Parents in College By the Numbers* provides a number of insights. Currently, 22% of undergraduates studying in America are parents, nearly 4 million of them. Some estimates place the number at one in four students. If a city, this group would be second only to New York in population according to the 2018 U.S. Census estimate.

Student parents are mostly women (70%), and 40% are single parents. While men only represent 30% of the parents attending college, 61% of them are married. Typically, student parents start at community colleges, which is sensible as costs are lower and flexibility of every kind is greater. However, the majority of these students eventually enroll in for-profit colleges and, for these reasons and others, carry twice the average education debt and high default rates. A bright note in all of this is that they tend to have higher GPAs. A troubling fact: Nearly half of the for-profit student body in 2015–2016 were parent students. The reasons for this outcome include greater flexibility, adaptability, and seeming responsiveness to immediate student needs.

For-profit universities are typically more expensive than public universities, have lower six-year graduation rates, encourage higher levels of indebtedness leading to higher default rates and flaunt easy, open admissions processes and “low easy-go-payment plans.” Most vexing is the hype about the value of any college degree being worth whatever the cost. Parents, who may be struggling financially, are more likely to fall prey to the hustle.

These institutions may benefit from college loan bailout

By WALTER V. WENDLER, PH.D.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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programs for encouraging the absence of personal responsibility of over-borrowing. In some cases, online diploma mills are charged with a criminal violation. The weight is especially heavy to parents who are also students, but also felt in the larger student population. Eventually, the encumbrance may become a public burden.

A lack of responsiveness to the changing student population by public universities is fertile ground for impropriety fueled by legitimate life aspirations. This is especially the case for a single mom with a couple of kids who believes that the college degree sold like a pair of jeans on the internet and television is a panacea, when in fact it may be full of holes, just like the jeans.

What public universities can do in response to these circumstances is to make sure that online programs are of good quality and reasonable cost. Online support systems help parents. Counseling regarding costs and potential earnings of graduates should be transparent, along with realistic estimates of the time needed to complete the selected course of study. And sometimes, a university should follow Nancy Reagan's advice regarding drug use and “Just say No!” to a student with unreasonable life circumstances or expectations. It may be the highest form of service.

There are grant and scholarship programs, including general financial aid, that support parents attending college. The University of Wisconsin, Texas State University, Oakland University, Boise State University, the University of Colorado and the University of Minnesota are just a few universities that offer scholarships intended for single parents. Advice to support parents in college is abundant. The same advice has value for any college student. Make a schedule, build good relationships, take care of yourself, eat well, exercise, get some sleep, don't drink or use drugs, have realistic expectations and stay focused on what you are doing and why you are doing it.

Universities do well to recognize the complex diversity of students and their needs. West Texas A&M University is working diligently on a number of fronts to be family friendly—a good idea needed by a growing number of student parents.

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US health care would collapse without foreign-trained nurses like me, so why did the House vote to ban us?

By VIRGIE "GIGIE" ROY
CQ-ROLL CALL

America's population is growing, its workforce is aging and its health care system is straining under the weight of both. At the intersection of these trends is the very practical question of just who's going to care for all these new patients.

Increasingly, the nurse answering that bedside call looks and sounds a lot like me, a first-generation immigrant.

Consider the numbers: U.S. medical facilities will need to hire more than 2 million new health care workers within the next six years just to keep pace with rising demand for care. If and when they can't, the country will suffer an interruption of care so catastrophic as to threaten the well-being of everyone from school children and pregnant mothers to seniors and dialysis patients.

For decades, the U.S. has maintained a delicate health care staffing balance by relying on foreign-trained nurses like me. Without us, most U.S. medical facilities would collapse. Thanks to a popular immigration proposal that would unintentionally restrict access to foreign medical talent, that just might happen.

The Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act, which the House passed last week by a vote of 365-65, would rapidly phase out per-country limits on employment-based visas in an attempt to ease the tremendous backlog for Indian green card applications. On paper, it's all very complicated. In practice, though, it's quite simple: It means passionate, qualified foreign nurses won't be able to emigrate and deliver much-needed care.

America's nurse deficit has been teetering at the brink for decades, but it's only projected to worsen as baby boomers age into retirement. The plain reality is that the country can't educate and hire enough U.S. workers to meet demand, forcing hospitals to recruit foreign talent to bridge one of the world's most severe labor shortages.

Despite the urgency to hire more nurses, immigration rules don't make it easy on either the hospital or clinician to fill long-open jobs. In fact, immigration laws require foreign-educated nurses living abroad to secure an offer of employment before they even begin the permanent residence application, which often takes a year or more and requires that they not enter the country until it's been completed.

This lengthy process is unlike those for other high-skilled employment fields, like tech workers, who are already living and working in the country on work visas while awaiting green card consideration.

After years of waiting and seemingly endless forms, post-training credential certifications and English proficiency exams, I was finally able to emigrate to the U.S. in 2014 after having first secured a nursing position through a health care staffing agency.

My husband and children joined me, and together we found a community and built a life. We became Americans, all of us, but not without challenge or cost. After visiting the site of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, my daughter heard and answered

the call to serve her new country and enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Like her mother, she had hoped to become a nurse and earn her commission as an officer, but sadly, she wasn't able to realize those dreams. Airman Patricia Roy died while on active duty and was posthumously awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal in recognition of her outstanding service.

Patricia had been recognized by her country and community with praise and awards, but her great dream of becoming a nurse had been denied. It was in her memory that my husband, who had previously had a successful career as a project manager, enrolled in a nursing program. He graduated with high honors last year and is now in a leadership role in the health care field.

Coming to America changed my life and not simply because of Patricia—it gave me the special privilege to care for people in their most tender moments. I know that I make a difference in the lives of my patients as do the hundreds of thousands of other foreign-educated nurses work-



ing in this country. Without us, America would be worse off. It's just that simple.

The Fairness Act's motivations are virtuous, but good intentions don't absolve it of its profound unintended consequences. This will devastate patient access in virtually every corner of the country as it makes it virtually impossible for qualified nurses to come here. Unless the Senate acts to include a special carve-out for nurses, U.S. health care and patients will suffer.

America needs nurses now more than ever, but the Fairness Act will limit the country's access to them. The bill might aspire to fairness, but it doesn't deliver it for nurses and certainly not for patients.

Virgie Roy, RN, BSN, lives in Fairfield, Calif. with her husband and two sons. She was placed in her California hospital by MedPro Healthcare Staffing, a member of the American Association of International Healthcare Recruitment, which has advocated a clinician carve-out of the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act.

Sonnets in Search of Your Synaptic Stimulus

Brain Food for Thought: 'FUN' Buns and 'SAD' Soup

F.U.N.: Forgiveness, Understanding, Negativity
S.A.D.: Sympathy, Altruism, Determination
It was 19th-century French philosopher August Comte (1798 - 1857) who came up with the word "altruism" when he said "...the religion of humanity whose great moral principle is altruism."

All major religions preach love and forgiveness
All philosophers try to help us reach understanding
Positivity and negativity are part of our daily aliveness
Progress through life's ups and downs is demanding
Sympathy for the Devil is an old Rolling Stones song
Sympathy for fellow human beings we need to stress
Forget about being absolutely right or absolutely wrong
Find solace in altruism, determine to clear up life's mess
For the short time that we have here on our planet Earth
Find understanding, fun, and hope in our lives and labors
Move eagerly towards kindness, caring, sharing, and mirth
Make peace with enemies, family, international neighbors
Yes, there is vitality and strength in understanding what is sad
You make our world a better place doing good and fighting bad.

Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down

Thumbs up thumbs down at Roman gladiator fights
thumbs up thumbs down now smiley face or frown
thumbs up thumbs down drunk filled days and nights
thumbs up thumbs down online for a narcissistic clown.

Certainly there must be further human depths to plumb
than the announcer saying, "lets get ready to rumble"

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and has been named a poet laureate of Tinian. He has taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.



and watching boxers getting beaten till they're numb
getting brain damaged, K O as they fall and stumble.

Judging what others do, what they think and say
a simple thumbs up thumbs down to close an issue
judging countless moments of life with aye or nay
without so much as stimulating our brain tissue.

Through life's great immensities we must stay humble
for between birth and death we all frequently stumble

A Septet of Conscientious Couplets

When I say I think most of your ideas are great
I want to eat from your intelligence plate
I mean the food for thought inside your brain
the meat of what you mean and care to explain
When I say that I love you forever and ever
and try hard not to ever use the word never
when I say forget about it give me a break
accept my misgivings understand my mistakes.
When father said there is good and bad in every race
he took us children beyond color to a humanistic place
When mother protected us saying wait till he gets out, it was
behavioral protection against whipping from father no doubt.
When I feel your upset, anger, confusion, hear emotional cries
I begin understanding the humanity in you that no one denies.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A lyrical reminder

President Trump is addressing domestic and foreign issues but his "in your face" approach has brought negative criticism from voters and even members of his Cabinet. Immigration, the Middle East, tariffs, cozying up to dictators and his potty-mouth comments aimed at potential Democrat candidates add to the confusion. It all reminds me of a Big Band Era tune by Trummy Young and Sy Oliver, recorded by Jimmie Lunceford, Harry James and Ella Fitzgerald. It offers constructive criticism of the president's way of handling these crucial issues. Mr. President, *It Ain't What You Do, It's The Way That You Do It!*

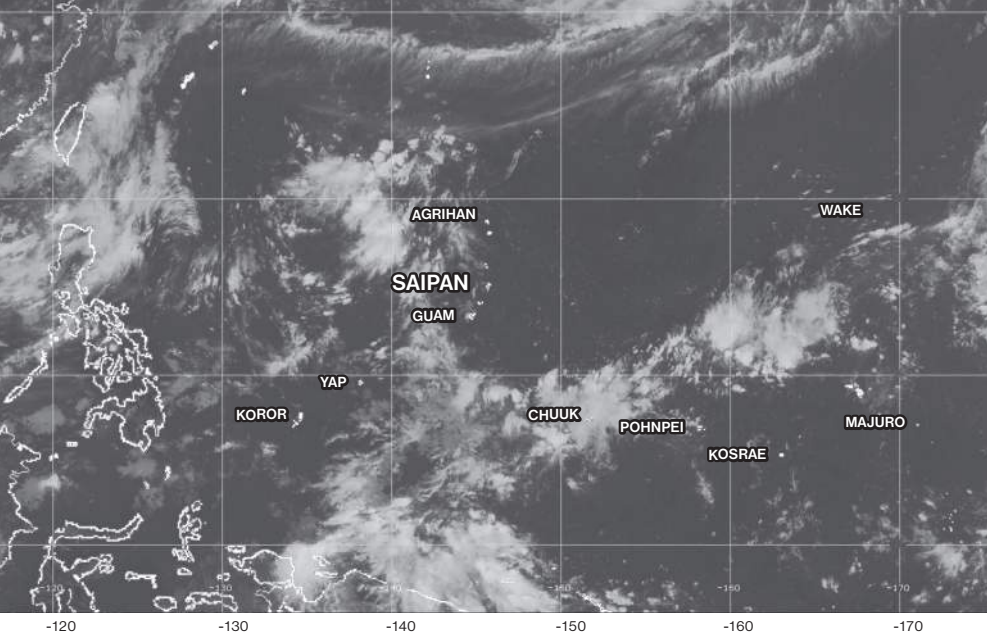
Herb Stark
Mooresville, NC

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	
90°	78°	90°	78°	90°	78°	90°	78°	90°	78°

YESTERDAY’S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:45 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Mid-level drying is now over the Marianas, resulting in a more stableatmosphere than previously expected. The nearest deep convection is around 150 miles south of Guam and looks to remain there. Therefore, thunderstorms were dropped from the forecast for today. Mid-level moisture looks to return around mid-week, resulting in an increasing chance for thunderstorms for the last half of the week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	57° / 48°	
Beijing	Showers	90° / 73°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	90° / 82°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°	
London	Mostly Sunny	84° / 68°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	82° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Showers	55° / 45°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	87° / 80°	
New York	Thunderstorms	86° / 71°	
Osaka	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°	
Paris	Sunny	95° / 73°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	82° / 73°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	90° / 66°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	86° / 72°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	66° / 54°	
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	88° / 73°	
Tokyo	Showers	79° / 72°	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	90° / 72°	

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:31 AM	LOW TIDE	1.18	
10:17 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.73	
5:15 PM	LOW TIDE	0.40	
-	-	-	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:56 AM	6:49 PM
Wednesday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Thursday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:57 AM	6:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	10:01 AM	10:34 PM
Tuesday	-	10:47 AM	11:10 PM
Wednesday	-	11:34 AM	11:47 PM
Thursday	-	12:22 PM	-
Friday	12:26 AM	1:12 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 5, 2019							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	10:00am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	4:00am	7:00am	3	7C3452	10:00pm	3:05am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3452	10:05pm	3:05am+1	4
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 3, 5	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7				
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7				
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	00:30am+1	3, 7
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)							
STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.							
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
				2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
				2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
				2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
				2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Giant Hawaii telescope to focus on big unknowns of universe

By **AUDREY McAVOY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU (AP)—Is there life on planets outside our solar system? How did stars and galaxies form in the earliest years of the universe? How do black holes shape galaxies?

Scientists are expected to explore those and other fundamental questions about the universe when they peer deep into the night sky using a new telescope planned for the summit of Hawaii's tallest mountain.

But the Thirty Meter Telescope is a decade away from being built. And Native Hawaiian protesters have tried to thwart the start of construction by blocking a road to the mountain. They say installing yet another observatory on Mauna Kea's peak would further defile a place they consider sacred.

Activists have fought the \$1.4 billion telescope but the state Supreme Court has ruled it can be built. The latest protests could be the final stand against it.

Here's a look at the tele-

scope project and some of the science it's expected to produce.

WHY WOULD THE TELESCOPE BE MORE POWERFUL?

The large size of the telescope's mirror means it would collect more light, allowing it to see faint, far-away objects such as stars and galaxies dating back as long as 13 billion years.

The telescope gets its name from the size of the mirror, which will be 30 meters (98 feet) in diameter. That's three times as wide as the world's largest existing visible-light telescope.

Adaptive optics would correct the blurring effects of the Earth's atmosphere.

The telescope would be more than 200 times more sensitive than current telescopes and able to resolve objects 12 times better than the Hubble Space Telescope, said Christophe Dumas, head of operations for the Thirty Meter Telescope.

WHAT RESEARCH WOULD

THE TELESCOPE DO?

■ Distant planets. During the past 20 years, astronomers have discovered it is common for planets to orbit other stars in the universe. But they don't know much about what those planets—called extrasolar planets or exoplanets—are like. The new telescope would allow scientists to determine whether their atmospheres contain water vapor or methane which might indicate the presence of life.

“For the first time in history we will be capable of detecting extraterrestrial life,” Dumas said.

Dumas said the new telescope would use special optics to suppress the light of stars. He compared the technique to blocking a bright street light in the distance with your thumb then seeing insects circling in the fainter light below.

■ Black holes. Black holes are so dense that nothing, not even light, can escape their gravitational pull.

Andrea Ghez, a University of California, Los Angeles physics and astronomy pro-

fessor who discovered our galaxy's black hole, said scientists believe black holes play a fundamental role in how galaxies are formed and evolve.

But so far astronomers have only been able to observe this dynamic in detail in the Milky Way because the next galaxy is 100 times farther away.

The Thirty Meter Telescope would enable scientists to study more galaxies and more black holes in greater detail.

It may also help them understand gravity. Those who doubt the importance should note that GPS-enabled maps on cellphones rely on Einstein's theories about gravity.

“We think of these things as esoteric. But in fact, in the long run, they have profound impacts on our lives,” Ghez said.

■ Dark matter and dark energy. Humans see only about 4 percent of all matter in the universe, Dumas said. Dark energy makes up about three-quarters and dark matter the rest. Neither can be seen.

“We have no idea what dark

matter is and no idea what dark energy is. That's a big dilemma in today's world,” Dumas said.

Because mass deforms space and light, Dumas said the new telescope would make it possible to measure how dark matter influences light.

It could do this by studying light from far-away galaxies. The light would take different paths to the telescope, generating different images of the same object.

WHY MAUNA KEA?

The weather at the summit of Mauna Kea tends to be ideal for viewing the skies. At nearly 14,000 feet, its peak is normally above the clouds. Being surrounded by the ocean means air flows tend to be smoother and it has the driest atmosphere of any of the candidate sites.

The mountain is already home to 13 other telescopes.

Ghez used the Keck Observatory there to find our galaxy's black hole. Other discoveries credited to those sites over the years include the first images of exoplanets and

helping identify 'Oumuamua, the first object from interstellar space, which turned out to be a comet from a distant star system.

NEXT GENERATION TELESCOPES

Two other giant telescopes are being built in Chile, which also has excellent conditions for astronomy.

The European Extremely Large Telescope will have a primary mirror measuring 39 meters, or 128 feet, in diameter. The Giant Magellan Telescope's mirror will be 24.5 meters, or 80 feet, in diameter.

The Thirty Meter Telescope is the only one expected to be built in the Northern Hemisphere. Because different spots on Earth look out on different parts of the sky, the next-generation ground telescopes will ensure scientists are able to see the entire universe.

The universities and national observatories behind the Thirty Meter Telescope have selected Spain's Canary Islands as a backup site in case they are unable to build in Hawaii.

By **CALEB JONES** and
AUDREY McAVOY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hawaii officials want a peaceful end to telescope protests

HONOLULU (AP)—Officials in Hawaii said Friday that they will not call up additional National Guard troops or use force on peaceful telescope protesters blocking access to the state's highest peak.

Gov. David Ige said that his priority is to keep everyone in the community safe, including the activists at the base of Mauna Kea. The 80 guard members on the Big Island since the start of the protests will remain, state officials said.

“We will not be utilizing tear gas, as some of the rumors have been (saying),” Ige said. “We are looking for the best way forward without hurting anyone.”

The governor said last week that National Guard units would be used to transport personnel and equipment as well as to enforce road closures.

Ige said Friday no more troops would be called in to the Big Island, but he stopped short of removing an emergency proclamation that he enacted Wednesday. The emergency order broadened the state's authority to remove protesters from the mountain, including the use of National Guard for security.

Big Island Mayor Harry Kim, who met with Ige Friday morning as about 800 to 1,200 activists gathered on the mountain, said he hopes the protesters and state officials will take some time to discuss a better way forward.



This photo provided by the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources shows people who are against the construction of a Hawaii telescope continuing to block the roadway to the top of Mauna Kea, a mountain considered sacred by some Native Hawaiians, as the protest entered its fourth day Thursday, July 18, 2019. The action Thursday comes a day after 33 people were arrested, many of them elderly. **AP**

“We all need to step back a little bit,” Kim said. “This is still our home, this is still our family. On both sides.”

The move comes after some notable politicians weighed in on the issue Friday.

U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii followed fellow Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders in supporting

protesters.

She said in a statement that Gov. Ige should withdraw the emergency declaration and sit down with protesters to find a peaceful way forward.

“Trust must be earned—it is wrong that state leaders have approved the development of a new telescope on a new site on Mauna Kea, without first

ensuring the timely removal of decommissioned facilities along with full restoration of those sites,” Gabbard said. “This failure and a history of broken promises has resulted in the standoff that we are seeing today.”

Earlier in the day, Sanders said in a tweet that has since been deleted: “We must guar-

antee native people's right to self-determination and their right to protest. I stand with Native Hawaiians who are peacefully demonstrating to protect their sacred mountain of Mauna Kea.”

Sanders' campaign didn't immediately respond to an email asking why the tweet was deleted.

Protest leader Kaho'okahi Kanuha said protesters have been bracing for law enforcement to show up in force ever since Gov. David Ige signed the emergency proclamation. That was the day officers arrested 34 protesters.

Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green said he plans to meet with people about the issue.

“I believe that this struggle is more about the heart of Hawaii and our sense of self and dignity, especially for the Hawaiian people, than it is about a telescope. It is about cultural recognition and people's self worth,” he said in a Facebook post.

It's the fifth day of protests at Mauna Kea in response to closing the road to the summit so that construction equipment for the Thirty Meter Telescope can be taken up. No trucks have gone up.

The Thirty Meter Telescope obtained permits from the state to build after a decade-long review process. Last year the state Supreme Court ruled the permits were obtained legally, allowing construction to move ahead.

There have been protests in other parts of Hawaii, including on Maui and at the state Capitol in Honolulu.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported protesters slowed traffic on Honolulu's main highway, the H-1, for a second straight day on Thursday. A caravan of vehicles and mopeds forced other cars to slow to a crawl for several minutes until police cars entered the freeway in front of the procession.

Business

By MARK RABAGO
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I AM BEAUTY

From Facebook to Middle Road

At a time when brick-and-mortar stores are upping their online presence, one Saipan entrepreneur has successfully migrated her Facebook venture into a business along Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

I Am Beauty has been open since March 4 and Marivic Fernandez now says the general merchandise store was an offshoot of her hobby of selling beauty products on Facebook.

Fernandez said she and her husband, Paul, decided to open I Am Beauty after her online business became such a hit that it only made sense to open a physical shop on island.

"It came to a point that it was hard for us to do meet-ups all the time because of the many orders we were getting from our online customers," said Marivic.

Both Marivic and Paul work as nurses at the Commonwealth Health Center and operate I Am Beauty after their shifts at the hospital.

Their full-time work explains why the store has temporary operating hours of 2:30pm to 7pm only, from



MARK RABAGO

Aside from beauty products like makeup items, I Am Beauty also retails shoes, bags, and clothing of brand name fashion companies from the U.S. and the Philippines.

Sunday to Saturday. However, once everything about the store's point of sale system is running, they would be able to

hire the staff that would operate the store during usual operating hours.

Aside from beauty prod-

ucts like makeup items, I Am Beauty also retails shoes, bags, and clothing of brand name fashion companies from



MARK RABAGO

I Am Beauty opened last March 4 along Middle Road in Gualo Rai.

the U.S. and the Philippines.

All their items are original and of high quality, Marivic said, which is why her online business had such a great following on Facebook before they ultimately opened I Am Beauty.

She believes that Saipan still prefers shopping for items on island instead of going online because of typical hassles like wrong sizing, different

quality, and the overall general appearance and feel of products bought on the Internet compared to actually purchasing the items in local stores.

So far, Paul said, I Am Beauty's customers are mostly island residents and a sprinkling of tourists who were probably attracted by I Am Beauty's pastel façade.

The couple admits that opening a business at a time of economic slowdown and even government austerity comes with some inherent risks, but they believe that there is always an opportunity even during down times.

"There are some clothing and beauty product stores that closed shop recently and we're very eager to fill the void. There's always opportunity when it comes to business," said Paul.

I Am Beauty is located along Middle Road in front of Eucon International School and beside Kylie's Bakery in Gualo Rai.

MileagePlus voted favorite frequent-flyer program by millennials

CHICAGO—United Airlines' MileagePlus loyalty program was crowned Favorite Frequent-Flyer Program for the fourth time by the Trazee Awards. The United Explorer Card from Chase was also awarded the Favorite Credit Card among voters for the second consecutive year.

"This honor is particularly meaningful because this comes directly from our millennial customers," said Luc Bondar, United's president of MileagePlus and vice president of Loyalty. "We deliver the possibilities of award travel to all members, including our adventurous millennial travelers, and we are proud to offer more award destinations than any other U.S. carrier."

"Customer feedback is

priceless and this recognition is special knowing it is from them," said Chase Co-Brand Cards President, Leslie Gilin. "With the United Explorer Card, we listened to our cardmembers to provide opportunities to enjoy even more value on the things they want, whether taking a flight, trying a new restaurant or booking a hotel."

The Trazee Awards are hosted by trazeetravel.com, a digital platform, created for travelers 40 years and younger by the teams at FX Express Publications, Inc. and Global Traveler. Over 15,000 reader votes were collected from December 2018 to March 2019 via an online ballot on trazeetravel.com. MileagePlus has also won the GT Tested

Reader Survey award for Best Overall Frequent-Flyer Program for 15 consecutive years from the readers of Global Traveler magazine.

"Congratulations to United MileagePlus for securing four years as Favorite Frequent Flyer Program. Coupled with Chase United Explorer Card as Favorite Credit Card makes MileagePlus a respected and valuable brand for the millennial traveler," said Publisher and CEO, FX Express Publications, Inc., Francis X. Gallagher.

United continues to enhance its MileagePlus program, offering members new ways to earn and redeem miles as well as increased benefits. Highlights include:

The June 2018 launch of

the enhanced United Explorer Card, with an expanded 2 miles per \$1 spent on hotel accommodations and restaurant purchases and 25% back on inflight wi-fi, food and drinks in addition to the existing 2 miles per \$1 spent on United purchases plus other travel benefits.

Recent enhancements to the industry-leading MileagePlusX app to enable more ways for members to earn and use miles every day while shopping or dining.

More ways to earn and use miles than any U.S. carrier.

Greater opportunities to use miles starting as low as 1,000 for e-gift cards.

In 2019, United is focusing more than ever on its commitment to its customers, looking

at every aspect of its business to ensure that the carrier keeps customers' best interests at the heart of its service. In addition to today's announcement, United recently announced that luxury skincare line Sunday Riley will make products exclusively for United customers to experience in amenity kits, released a reimagined version of the most downloaded app in the airline industry, introduced ConnectionSaver, a new tool dedicated to improving the experience for customers connecting from one United flight to the next and made DIRECTV free for every passenger on 211 aircraft, offering more than 100 channels on seat back monitors on more than 30,000 seats. (PR)

Gulf tanker incidents may raise shippers' costs, cut traffic

Seizures of oil tankers and other hostile Iranian measures in the Strait of Hormuz are already raising insurance rates for shipping companies and could eventually reduce tanker traffic in the vital waterway, with a spike in global oil prices a serious risk even without war, energy and maritime experts say.

On Friday, Iran seized a British-flagged oil tanker in the narrow passageway that carries one-fifth of the world's crude exports and a second Liberian-flagged ship was briefly de-

tained. Britain's foreign minister promised a "considered but robust" response.

"If this kind of problem continues, you might see people start to shy away from the (Persian) Gulf or try to reflag—not be a British tanker," said energy economist Michael Lynch.

The near-term impact will fall most heavily on the shipping industry in the form of higher insurance rates, said Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research Inc.

Richard Nephew, a Columbia

University researcher who wrote a book on sanctions, agreed that the tanker seizure and a pair of minor but mysterious attacks on tankers that preceded it—and for which Iran denied responsibility—could create "a real risk premium" for companies that operate in the Gulf and insurers that underwrite them.

Lawrence Brennan, a maritime attorney and Fordham University professor, said Saturday that so-called "war risk" maritime insurance rates have already risen since May—and Iran could

wreak havoc with global oil supply were it to decide to mine the strait or otherwise move to choke other nations' oil exports through Hormuz.

The risks will only rise because Iran's leaders, as their economy strains under U.S. sanctions, "feel they have little to lose if they are mischievously provocative" and engage in sabotage, intimidation and other acts short of war, said Larry Goldstein, director of special projects and former president of the industry-backed Energy

Policy Research Foundation.

"This could get out of hand, easily out of hand and it's hard to know where this is going to go."

On Friday, Iran's Revolutionary Guard impounded the British tanker Stena Impero with helicopter-borne commandos for allegedly violating international shipping regulations. An Iranian news agency said the Liberian-flagged Mesdar was briefly detained and then released after being told to comply with environmental rules.

Guam banking hours for today

HAGATNA, Guam—Below are the operating hours for the respective member banks for today, July 22, 2019, following Liberation Day.

Bank hours

- ANZ Bank Closed
- Bank of Guam Normal banking hours
- Bank of Hawaii Normal banking hours
- Bank Pacific Normal banking hours
- First Commercial Bank Closed
- First Hawaiian Bank Closed

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Nation

Apollo 11 astronauts reunite on 50th anniversary of moonshot

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Apollo 11 astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins reunited Friday on the eve of the 50th anniversary of humanity's first moon landing.

They gathered in the Oval Office with President Donald Trump, who got a rundown on his administration's plans to get astronauts back on the moon by 2024 and then on to Mars in the 2030s.

"We're bringing the glamour back" to the space program, Trump said.

Both sons of the late Neil Armstrong, the first man to step onto the moon on July 20,

1969, also attended, as well as first lady Melania Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine.

The moon versus Mars debate as astronauts' next destination arose again Friday.

The president asked if astronauts could get to Mars without first going back to the moon.

Collins, 88, who circled the moon alone in the command module while Armstrong and Aldrin descended in the Eagle, told the president that he supports going directly to Mars and bypassing the moon.

"It seems to me Mars direct, who knows better than these people?" Trump noted.

Bridenstine, though, stressed the importance of the moon as a training ground and noted that because of the planetary alignment, launches to Mars can occur only every 26 months and even then the trip is seven months each way.

"What happens if you miss the timing? They're in deep trouble? Trump asked. "You don't want to be on that ship."

Aldrin, meanwhile, said he's disappointed with the state of human space exploration the past 10 or 15 years. "We were able to achieve so much early," the 89-year-old said.

Aldrin, whose specialty was orbital rendezvous, doesn't like NASA's idea for a small space station around the moon, called the Gateway, from which to stage lunar landings and, eventually, Mars trips. He noted that the Apollo 11 command module and attached lunar module went straight into lunar orbit and

even separated and redocked around the moon.

"We have the No. 1 rocket right now in the U.S. and we have the No. 1 spacecraft, and they cannot get into lunar orbit with significant maneuvering capability," Aldrin pointed out.

Trump directed Bridenstine to listen to the "other side."

Aldrin and Armstrong, who died in 2012, landed on the Sea of Tranquility at 4:17 p.m. on July 20, 1969. "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed," Armstrong radioed.

Armstrong was the first to climb down the ladder, stepping onto the lunar surface at 10:56 p.m. His "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," is arguably the most famous space line of all time.

The vice president is commemorating Saturday's anniversary at Florida's Kennedy Space Center, visiting the launch pad where Apollo 11 blasted off.

Museums and towns across the country geared up for their own golden anniversary celebrations, including Wapakoneta, Ohio, Armstrong's hometown that was serving up "cinnamon pancakes" and "buckeye on the moon sundaes." The U.S. Postal Service, meanwhile, issued its "1969: First Moon Landing" Forever stamps Friday at Kennedy.

NASA televised a two-hour show Friday afternoon remembering Apollo 11 but also looking forward to its future moon plans. At the end of the program, Bridenstine revealed the new logo for the moon program, called Artemis after the twin sister of Greek mythology's Apollo.

Besides Wapakoneta and Kennedy, the program went live to Johnson Space Center in Houston, home to Mission Control; the U.S. Space and Rocket Center next door to Marshall Space Flight Center

in Huntsville, Alabama; and the National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

In Houston, Apollo 7 astronaut Walter Cunningham said the moon landings will be remembered hundreds of years from now and Armstrong, in particular, will go down in history.

"Here we are 50 years later, and I never in my life could have projected this amount of interest and association with what we were doing back then," Cunningham said.

In Wapakoneta, former astronaut Don Thomas recalled how he invited fellow Ohioan Armstrong to one of his four space shuttle launches in the 1990s. Not only did Armstrong show up, Thomas said the moonwalker met with him the day before liftoff and promised to stick around as long as it took the shuttle to fly.

"It was the thrill of my life to have him there for the launch," Thomas said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ocasio-Cortez: Trump enjoyed crowd saying, 'Send her back!'

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez told constituents on Saturday that President Donald Trump enjoyed hearing a crowd at his rally call for a U.S. congresswoman to return to the country where she was born. The Democratic legislator spoke in New York for the first time since Trump again criticized her and three other minority Democratic congresswomen on Friday for saying what he called "horrible things" about the U.S. He suggested they leave, though all are U.S. citizens. "We're going to stay right here, that's where we're going to go," Ocasio-Cortez shared her response to Trump's suggestion that American citizens "go back" with constituents at a Queens town hall on immigration issues. "We're not going anywhere." U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, a naturalized U.S. citizen, came from civil war-torn Somalia as a child refugee. U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and Ocasio-Cortez were born in the United States. At Trump's North Carolina rally on Wednesday, the crowd chanted "Send her back!" about Omar. Ocasio-Cortez rejected the president's claim he had tried to quiet them. "He said, 'Oh I stopped it immediately,'" she said. "Roll the tape, he didn't; he kind of presided over the situation, he relished it, he took it in and he's doing this intentionally."

Southwest planes collide on Nashville airport tarmac

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

(AP)—Two Southwest Airlines planes have collided on the tarmac of Nashville International Airport. Airline officials say no injuries were reported in Saturday night's collision. An emailed statement from Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Michelle Agnew says the winglet of the St. Louis-bound Southwest Flight 1555 "came into contact" during pushback with the winglet of Southwest Flight 4580, headed for Atlanta. A photograph provided by a passenger onboard the flight to Atlanta showed rainy weather and what appeared to be the top of the other plane's fin clipped off. The airline says both planes returned to the gate "under their own power" and were taken out of service for evaluation. The Southwest flights will continue to the scheduled destinations using new planes. A spokeswoman for the airport directed inquiries to Southwest.

Man, woman killed in Delaware nursing home shooting

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—Delaware State Police say a shooting at a nursing home in Wilmington has left two people dead. Police say an 82-year-old man and a 79-year-old woman were pronounced dead at the scene Saturday afternoon at ManorCare of Wilmington. A handgun was recovered at the scene. Authorities have not said who the shooter was or released the names of the man or woman. Police say the building has been cleared, and there are no concerns about public safety.

'Survive, not enjoy': Heat, humidity gripping half the US

The heat is on

Temperatures over the next several days are forecast to reach the high 90s and low 100s, which will feel like 105 to 110 degrees because of humidity.

High temperatures through Friday



-20 20 60 80 100 110 °F

Source: accuweather.com
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans from Texas to Maine sweated out a steamy Saturday as a heat wave canceled events from festivals to horse races, chased baseball fans out of their seats and pushed New York City to order steps to avoid straining the electrical system.

The National Weather Service said "a dangerous heat wave" sent temperatures into the 90s, with high humidity that made it feel considerably hotter. It was expected to stay warm at night, in the upper 70s to low 80s, with more heat on the way Sunday for the East Coast.

"It's brutal," Jeffrey Glickman said as he paused during a run in Washington.

The 37-year-old got out early to try to escape the worst of the heat but still planned to cut

his route short on an already 90-degree (32-degree Celsius) morning.

"You just have to power through it the best you can," he said.

Many people in areas facing excessive heat this weekend have no air conditioning, and cities opened shelters for people to cool off. With record- or near-record-high temperatures at night when many air conditioned places are closed, the weather can become especially dangerous for people who don't get a chance to cool down, experts say. The risks are greater for young children, the elderly and the sick.

Over three days in July 1995, more than 700 people died during a heat wave in Chicago as temperatures rose above 97 degrees (36



Children rush the water flow at Millennium Park, at the height of a heat wave in Chicago, Saturday, July 20, 2019.

degrees Celsius). Many of the dead were poor, elderly and lived alone.

While the Midwest will get some relief Sunday as a cold front brings storms and lower temperatures, the East won't be so lucky until Monday, the weather service warned. The heat will be the worst from the Carolinas to Maine.

In Norwich, Connecticut, Larry Konecny watched as one of his workers a couple of stories up in a boom lift cleaned the outside of an office building. The pair had no choice but to work in 90-degree heat and stifling humidity because the job needed to be done when office workers were away, Konecny said.

Asia

PH police file sedition case against vice president

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine police filed sedition and other criminal complaints Thursday against the vice president, three opposition senators, four Roman Catholic bishops and other critics of President Rodrigo Duterte for allegedly plotting to destabilize his administration.

Vice President Leni Robredo and the others have long denied the allegations from a formerly detained crime suspect who alleged he plotted with them.

The Department of Justice said it received the complaints from the national police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

"I will constitute the panel of investigating state prosecutors tomorrow," Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra told The Associated Press in a cellphone text message. "They may start serving subpoenas on the respondents next week."

Unlike Duterte, Robredo does not have constitutional immunity, Guevarra said.

A legal group critical of Duterte, the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers, said the



AP
In this June 12, 2019 file photo, Philippine Vice President Leni Robredo salutes during a wreath-laying ceremony to mark the 121st anniversary of Philippine independence at Manila's Rizal Park, Philippines.

of Duterte, his children, close aides and other officials to illegal drugs.

When the police played down his claims and launched a search for him, Advincula suddenly surfaced and was presented in a news conference by top police officials where he denied the allegations he made against Duterte on video. He then made a new claim and implicated Robredo and other prominent Duterte critics in a plot to discredit the president and destabilize his administration.

Aside from Robredo, those implicated in the complaint included opposition senators Antonio Trillanes IV, Risa Hontiveros and Leila de Lima, seven opposition senatorial candidates who lost in the May elections, Catholic archbishops Socrates Villegas and Pablo David and a Catholic university president, Armin Luistro.

They were sued for alleged sedition, inciting to sedition, libel, harboring a criminal, obstruction of justice, a justice department statement said.

allegations "smack of political persecution and shotgun repression on its face using again the legal system as a po-

tent political weapon through the law of rulers."

In the Philippines, the president and vice president

are elected separately. Robredo, who has long criticized Duterte over his bloody crackdown against illegal drugs and his offensive sexist remarks, is next in the line of succession if Duterte loses the presidency before his six-year term ends in 2022.

The allegations center on a formerly detained crime sus-

pect, Peter Joemel Advincula, who alleged that he plotted with the accused to discredit Duterte, his family and other government officials by linking them to drug syndicates. With his face concealed, Advincula claimed he was the man who appeared in a series of video posted online that detailed the supposed links

7,800 police in PH punished for deadly drug raids

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Thousands of Philippine police officers have received administrative punishments with more than 2,000 dismissed for wrongdoings during raids where drug suspects were killed under the president's crackdown, officials said Thursday.

Communications Assistant Secretary Marie Rafael Banaag told a news conference that 14,724 police were investigated for their involvement in police drug operations that led to deaths from July 2016 until last April. She said 7,867 of them received administrative punishments for unspecified lapses.

A tally presented by Banaag showed that 2,367 police officers have been fired, 4,100 suspended while the rest were reprimanded, demoted, had their salaries forfeited or deprived of certain privileges.

Banaag did not say how many officers have been criminally charged for serious lapses or outright crimes committed while enforcing the crackdown, which was launched by President Rodrigo Duterte as his centerpiece program when he took office in mid-2016.

Philippine police officials say about 6,600 drug suspects have been killed in raids carried out by the police mostly in gunbattles that ensued after the suspects fought back and endangered the lives of law enforcers. Banaag and other officials reported a lower death toll, more than 5,500, saying authorities were still verifying other drug-related deaths.

Last year, a Philippine court found three police officers guilty of killing a student they alleged was a drug dealer in the first known such conviction under the crackdown.

The court ruled the officers murdered Kian Loyd delos Santos during a raid in Calocan city's slums in the Manila metropolis and rejected the policemen's claim that the 17-year-old fired back while resisting arrest. Delos Santos's family and witnesses testified in official investigations that he was shot in a dark alley near a creek as he pleaded for his life.

Delos Santos's killing and that of a South Korean was allegedly strangled to death by an anti-drugs officer in an extortion attempt prompted Duterte to briefly suspend the drug crackdown amid outcries.

National police chief Os-

car Albayalde said criminal complaints will be filed separately against at least two officers after a 3-year-old girl, Myca Ulpina, was killed in a police raid in late June in which her father, a drug suspect, was gunned down along with another civilian and a police officer in Rodriguez town east of Manila.

"There are certain flaws probably in what happened during operations but these are actually being addressed," Undersecretary Severo Catura, an official dealing with human rights issues, said in the news conference. "That's why we are saying here that however we're concerned with regard to apprehending criminals, we're also that concerned with regard to ensuring that the rule of law is followed."

He added that more than 200 policemen have been killed and 700 others wounded in drug raids — statistics that Duterte himself has often cited to counter allegations by human rights activists that police have killed suspects beyond the law because they violently resisted.

Banaag said it was the first time authorities disclosed the full extent of police who have been disciplined for lapses in the anti-drug crackdown.

Monsoon flooding death toll climbs to 164 in South Asia

GAUHATI, India (AP)—The death toll in monsoon flooding in South Asia has climbed past 160 as millions of people and animals continue to face the brunt in three countries, officials said Saturday.

At least 90 people have died in Nepal and 62 in northeastern India's Assam state over the past week. A dozen have been killed in flooding in Bangladesh.

Shiv Kumar, a government official in Assam, said 10 rare one-horned rhinos have died in Kaziranga National Park since the Brahmaputra River burst its banks, flooding the reserve.

Some 4.8 million people spread over 3,700 villages across the state are still affected by the floods, though the frequency of rains has decreased in the past 24 hours, the Assam Disaster Response Authority said. The authority said the bodies of 12 residents from different areas were recovered on Saturday.

More than 2.5 million people have been impacted by flooding in northeastern In-

dia's Bihar state.

A young woman gave birth to her first child on a boat in floodwaters early Friday while on her way to a hospital in Assam's flooded Gagalmari village. The newborn girl and her 20-year-old mother, Imrana Khatoon, were brought back to their home without getting to the hospital.

Community health officer Parag Jyoti Das said there were no post-delivery health complications. However, the mother and the baby were moved by boat to a hospital in the nearby town of Jhargan because of unhygienic conditions due to floodwaters, Das said. The health center in Khatoon's village was flooded and closed.

"I would have felt happier if the baby's father was here," Khatoon, whose husband works in a hotel in the southern state of Kerala, told The Associated Press.

More than 147,000 people have taken shelter in 755 government-run camps across Assam, officials said.

Authorities warned they would take action against suppliers who were reported to be distributing poor quality rice and other essentials to marooned people and inmates of temporary shelters at some places.

"We have ordered the arrest of those unscrupulous elements supplying substandard materials and playing with the lives of the affected people," said Himanta Biswa Sarma, Assam's finance minister.

In Nepal, the Home Ministry said about 36,728 families were affected by the monsoon rains. The flooding and mudslides forced some 13,000 families to flee their homes.

In at least two of Nepal's districts, helicopters were used to transport emergency food supplies, while other transport means were being used to move tents and other supplies to the victims.

South Asia's monsoon rains, which hit the region from June to September, are crucial for the rain-fed crops planted during the season.

World

Iran says its seizure of British ship a 'reciprocal' move

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's seizure of a British oil tanker was a response to Britain's role in impounding an Iranian supertanker first, senior officials said Saturday, as newly released video of the incident showed Iranian commandos in black ski masks and fatigues rappelling from a helicopter onto the vessel in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

The seizure prompted condemnation from the U.K. and its European allies as they continue

to call for a de-escalation of tensions in the critical waterway.

U.K. Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said Britain's response "will be considered but robust."

In comments on Twitter on Saturday, he said he spoke with Iran's foreign minister and expressed extreme disappointment that the Iranian diplomat had assured him Iran wanted to de-escalate the situation but "they have behaved in the opposite way."

Speaking to reporters later

Saturday after an emergency government meeting, Hunt said the "totally and utterly unacceptable" interception of the British-flagged Stena Impero "raises very serious questions about the security of British shipping and indeed international shipping" in the Strait of Hormuz.

The free flow of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz is of international importance because one-fifth of all global crude exports passes through the waterway from Mideast exporters to countries around the world. The narrow waterway sits between Iran and Oman.

The Stena Impero was intercepted late Friday by Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard forces. The ship's own-

er, Stena Bulk, said the vessel was stopped by "unidentified small crafts and a helicopter" during its transit through the Strait of Hormuz. The vessel was seized with a crew of 23 crew aboard, although none are British nationals.

In a dramatic video released by the Revolutionary Guard, several small Guard boats can be seen surrounding the larger tanker as it moves through the strait. Above, a military helicopter hovers and then several men wearing black masks begin to rappel onto the ship.

The high-quality video was shot with at least two cameras, one from a speed boat-like vessel and one from the chopper, which captured the fatigued men as they prepared to

slide down a rope and also took aerial footage of the tanker.

Hunt said the ship's seizure shows worrying signs Iran may be choosing a dangerous and destabilizing path. He also defended the British-assisted seizure of Iran's supertanker two weeks ago as a "legal" move because the vessel was suspected of breaching European Union sanctions on oil shipments to Syria.

Iranian officials "see this as a tit-for-tat situation, following Grace1 being detained in Gibraltar. Nothing could be further from the truth," Hunt said later Saturday.

The view from Iran was different.

In comments on Twitter on Saturday, Iran's Foreign Min-

ister Mohammad Javad Zarif characterized the seizure of Iran's tanker July 4 as "piracy." Politician and former Guard commander, Maj. Gen. Mohsen Rezaei, wrote that Iran was not seeking conflict, "but we are not going to come up short in reciprocating."

The spokesman for Iran's Guardian Council, Abbas Ali Kadkhodaei, was also quoted in the semi-official Fars news agency describing Friday's seizure as a legal "reciprocal action." The council rarely comments on state matters, but when it does it is seen as a reflection of the supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's views. The council works closely with Khamenei, who has final say on all state matters.

WORLD BRIEFS

Putin: Russians, Ukrainians are 'one people'

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin says he believes Russians and Ukrainians constitute one nation and that the countries should find a way to integrate. Putin made the comments in an interview with the American film director Oliver Stone on June 19; material from the interview was used in a Stone film about Ukraine and the full transcript was published by the Kremlin on Friday. "I believe that Russians and Ukrainians are one people ... one nation, in fact," Putin said. "When these lands that are now the core of Ukraine joined Russia ... nobody thought of themselves as anything but Russians." In light of this bond, Putin said "we can use this as our competitive advantage during some form of integration."

Strong quake hits near Greek capital of Athens, 4 hurt

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—A strong earthquake centered northwest of Athens shook Greece on Friday, causing frightened residents to run into the capital's streets and damaging several buildings. Authorities said four people were hospitalized with injuries, none of them serious. The Athens Institute of Geodynamics gave the earthquake that struck at 2:13 p.m. local time (1113 GMT) a preliminary magnitude of 5.1. The U.S. Geological Survey reported a magnitude of 5.3. Firefighters checked for people trapped in elevators amid power outages after the brief but jolting quake. In central Athens, the Acropolis Museum was evacuated and closed for the rest of the day as a precaution, but the city's ancient monuments remained open. Police patrols and helicopters were deployed to inspect areas close to the earthquake's

epicenter near the town of Magoula. The patrols were scheduled to continue overnight as many local residents were expected to sleep outdoors waiting for aftershocks to subside. Greek government spokesman Stelios Petsas said an abandoned building collapsed in western Athens and several other abandoned buildings elsewhere in the city had serious damage.

UK lawmakers warn of lost residency rights in no-deal Brexit

BRUSSELS (AP)—British lawmakers met the European Union's chief Brexit negotiator on Friday, seeking an iron-clad guarantee that the 1.3 million U.K. citizens in the bloc won't have their rights removed and their lives disrupted if Britain leaves the EU without a deal. The rights of U.K. citizens living in the 27 other EU nations, and those of the more than 3 million EU citizens in Britain, are one of the thorniest issues of the Brexit negotiations. Their rights to live, work and study are protected under an agreement struck between the two sides—but the divorce agreement has been rejected by Britain's Parliament, raising the prospect of a no-deal Brexit. The U.K. is due to leave the bloc on Oct. 31, and both men vying to take over as prime minister next week, Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, say it's imperative that Brexit happens, with or without a deal. Conservative lawmaker Alberto Costa, who led the cross-party delegation that met EU negotiator Michel Barnier in Brussels, said "if there's no agreement, there's no protection." "British nationals will potentially lose access to pension entitlement, lose access to health care entitlement, lose access to welfare entitlement and a whole gamut of other issues," he said.

AP
A British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero which was seized by the Iran's Revolutionary Guard on Friday is photographed in the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, Saturday, July 20, 2019.



War-weakened South Sudan tries to prepare for Ebola

JUBA, South Sudan (AP)—With the deadly Ebola outbreak in Congo now an international emergency, neighboring South Sudan and its war-weakened health system is a major concern, especially after one case was confirmed near its border. Health experts say there is an urgent need to increase prevention efforts.

The World Health Organization on Wednesday made the emergency declaration for the year-old outbreak, a rare move that usually leads to more global attention and aid. More than 1,600 people have died in what has become the second-worst Ebola outbreak in history.

Health experts worry about what would happen if Ebola reaches South Sudan as the shattered nation tries to recover from a five-year civil war that killed nearly 400,000 people and displaced millions. Many health facilities

were badly damaged or destroyed, and unrest continues in parts of the country despite a fragile peace deal signed in September.

Last month a 41-year-old woman was discovered with Ebola in northeastern Congo, just 70 kilometers (43 miles) from South Sudan. She had traveled 500 kilometers from Beni, the epicenter of the outbreak, despite having been exposed to the virus and warned not to travel.

South Sudan has sent a health team to strengthen surveillance at one of its busiest border posts, Kaya in Central Equatoria state, near where the woman's case was confirmed. Hers was the closest confirmed case to South Sudan since this outbreak was declared.

"The risk of cases of Ebola coming across the border into South Sudan is very high," said Sudhir Bunga, South Sudan country director for the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "A person who comes into contact with a confirmed case of Ebola in (Congo) could travel to South Sudan, or any neighboring country, undetected during the 21-day incubation period and spread the disease once contagious."

That recently happened in neighboring Uganda, a more stable country with a more developed health system and experience with past Ebola outbreaks, as millions of people flow across borders in the densely populated region. Three people died in Uganda before other family members were taken back to Congo for treatment and Ugandan officials quickly declared the country was again free of the disease.

Ebola's spread into South Sudan would pose more of a challenge.

Even though Ebola pre-

paredness, including vaccinations for some health workers, began several months ago the current phase of the country's \$12 million response plan is just 36% funded, according to a report this month by the country's health ministry.

Fighting in places such as Central Equatoria has hampered efforts to prepare for Ebola. The United Nations' migration agency manages 15 screening sites along the border but three others have yet to be established in part because of access challenges.

Many South Sudan communities lack the basic resources to respond to one of the world's most notorious diseases. The phone network in Central Equatoria is limited, meaning most people cannot call the emergency help line. Many hospitals don't have staff trained to deal with the virus or the isolation wards needed to control its spread.

Focus

50
years
after

AP
Visitors pose for photos beside a portrait of Neil Armstrong at the Armstrong Air and Space Museum as special events are underway for visitors commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, Saturday, July 20, 2019, in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

By **MARCIA DUNN AP**
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A moonstruck nation celebrated the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11's "giant leap" by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin at parties, races, ball games and concerts Saturday, toasting with Tang and gobbling MoonPies.

At NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Aldrin showed Vice President Mike Pence the launch pad where he flew to the moon in 1969. At the same time halfway around the world, an American and two other astronauts blasted into space on a Russian rocket. And in Armstrong's hometown of Wapakoneta, Ohio, nearly 2,000 runners competed in "Run to the Moon" races.

"Apollo 11 is the only event in the 20th century that stands a chance of being widely remembered in the 30th century," the vice president said.

Wapakoneta 10K runner Robert Rocco, 54, a retired Air Force officer from Centerville, Ohio, called the moon landing by Armstrong and Aldrin "perhaps the most historic

event in my lifetime, maybe in anybody's lifetime."

At the Museum of Flight in Seattle, Gilda Warden sat on a bench and gazed in awe at the Apollo 11 command module, Columbia, on display. "It's like entering the Sistine Chapel and seeing the ceiling. You want to just sit there and take it in," said Warden, 63, a psychiatric nurse from Tacoma, Washington.

On July 20, 1969, Armstrong and Aldrin undocked from Columbia in lunar orbit and then descended in the lunar module Eagle to the Sea of Tranquility. The Eagle landed with just 17 seconds of fuel to spare. Six hours later, Armstrong was the first to step onto the lunar surface, proclaiming for the ages: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." It was humanity's first footsteps on another world.

In a speech at Kennedy, Pence paid tribute to Armstrong, Aldrin and command module pilot Michael Collins—if they're not heroes, "then there are no heroes"—as well as the 400,000 Americans who worked tirelessly to get them to the moon.

Aldrin, 89, grabbed the right hand of Neil Armstrong's older son, Rick, at Pence's mention of heroes. He then stood and saluted, and received a standing ovation. Armstrong died in 2012. Collins, 88, did not attend the Florida ceremony. But Apollo 17's Harrison Schmitt, the next-to-last man to walk on the moon in 1972, was there.

Pence reiterated the Trump administration's goal of sending American astronauts back to the moon within five years and eventually on to Mars. He said this next generation of astronauts will spend weeks and months on the lunar surface, not just days and hours like the 12 Apollo moonwalkers did. Alongside the stage was the newly completed Orion capsule that will fly to the moon and back, on a test flight without a crew, in another year or two.

NASA had other celebrations going on Saturday, most notably at Johnson Space Center in Houston, home to Mission Control; the U.S. Space and Rocket Center next door to Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, where the Saturn V moon

rockets were born; and the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

And where better to celebrate than Apollo, Pennsylvania—located in Armstrong County not far from Moon Township and the town of Mars. The historical society revived the annual moon-landing celebration in honor of the big 50. All of the Apollo astronauts have long been honorary citizens of Apollo, the society's Alan Morgan said.

At New York's Yankee Stadium, former space shuttle astronaut Mike Massimino threw out the ceremonial first pitch to former pitcher Jack Aker, who was on the mound when the July 20, 1969, baseball game was interrupted to announce that the Eagle had landed. Armstrong and Aldrin were "A1, No. 1, higher than major league," Aker recalled Saturday. "It's a mutual feeling," Massimino agreed.

Across the country in Seattle, Tim Turner was first in line Saturday to see Columbia, the mother ship piloted by Collins as Armstrong and Aldrin moonwalked.

"Good grief! It's still amazing, the No. 1 feat of the 20th century, if not all of modern history, that first time there," said Turner, 57, a computer programmer from Poulsbo, Washington.

As he waited to get in to see Columbia, Craig Smith, 58, a veterinarian from Tacoma, Washington, recalled thinking as a boy: "'Dang! Seriously? A dude on the moon?' I thought that was nifty."

Clocks all over counted down to the exact moment of the Eagle's landing on the moon—4:17 p.m. EDT—and Armstrong's momentous step onto the lunar surface at 10:56 p.m. EDT. The powdered orange drink Tang was back in vogue for the toasts, along with marshmallow and chocolate MoonPies, including a 55-pound (25-kilogram), 45,000-calorie MoonPie at Kennedy's One Giant Leap bash.

About 100 visitors and staff at the American Space Museum in Titusville, across the Indian River from Kennedy, cheered and lifted plastic champagne glasses of Tang at the moment of touchdown.

"This is what we're here for,

to share the American space experience," explained executive director Karan Conklin, who led the toast.

For the late night-crowd, "first step" concerts were on tap at the Kennedy Center in Washington, outside in the shadow of a replica Saturn V rocket in Huntsville, and other sweltering locales.

A real rocket lit up the night sky in Kazakhstan.

Blasting off aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket in 100-degree heat (38 degrees Celsius), American Andrew Morgan, Italian Luca Parmitano and Russian Alexander Skvortsov flew to the International Space Station. Only Skvortsov was alive at the time of Apollo 11. The three already living on the space station also were born long after the moon landings.

The crew deliberately modeled its mission patch after Apollo 11's: no astronaut names included to show the universal nature of space flight. Morgan explained in a NASA interview that Apollo 11, and now his flight, represents "an accomplishment of the world and not one single country."



DREAMSTIME/TNS

Many experts recognize orthorexia as an obsessive-compulsive-type of eating disorder although the American Psychiatric Association has not yet made it an official diagnosis.

- Has the quality of your life decreased as the quality of your diet increased?
 - Do you feel intensely guilty if you stray from your diet?
- If these are indicators of disordered eating, let's turn them around to look at what most experts would consider normal eating:
- You're more preoccupied with living life than you are with food. You take time to plan balanced meals, shop for and prepare healthful food but it doesn't take over your entire day.
 - You actually enjoy a variety of healthful foods and you make a point to include fresh ingredients in your meals. But you don't necessarily look down on others who may not share the same joy in your dietary choices.
 - You don't preach to your children or others that certain foods are made by the devil. Instead, you set a good example by choosing healthful foods most of the time. And you recognize that movie popcorn is not going to kill you.
 - You strive to make reasonable decisions about food, such as saying no to fried Oreos at the county fair. But you might share an ice cream cone with your grandkids without feeling bad about it.
 - You don't avoid social gatherings simply because some of the food may not be up to your standards. You make reasonable choices within the choices you have.

■ You realize that sometimes life happens and perfect meals are not always a reality. You forgive yourself and go on.

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QUINN ON NUTRITION

Obsessing over good eating

By BARBARA QUINN
THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD

When does one's concern for proper nutrition turn into a pathological condition? When the desire to eat a healthful diet turns into an unhealthy obsession, say experts. Mental health experts call it "orthorexia nervosa" which

literally means "proper appetite ... carried to the extreme." Hey, we all get a little crazy about food at times, right? I went through my share of rigid eating habits in my younger years. Orthorexia is rigid eating on steroids. Not to be confused with anorexia or bulimia which focus on the quantity of food eaten, those with orthorexia focus on the quality of food eaten. Eating becomes a ritual. And any food believed to be unhealthy or impure is rigidly avoided. In this desire to achieve a perfect diet, many end up with nutritional deficiencies, medical complications and not much fun in their lives. That's why some have described orthorexia as "a disease disguised as a virtue." Many experts recognize orthorexia as an obsessive-compulsive-type of eating disorder although the American Psychiatric Association has not yet made it an official diagnosis. Nevertheless, in 1997, Dr. Steven Bratman coined the term "orthorexia" and devised these questions that indicate a tendency toward this condition:

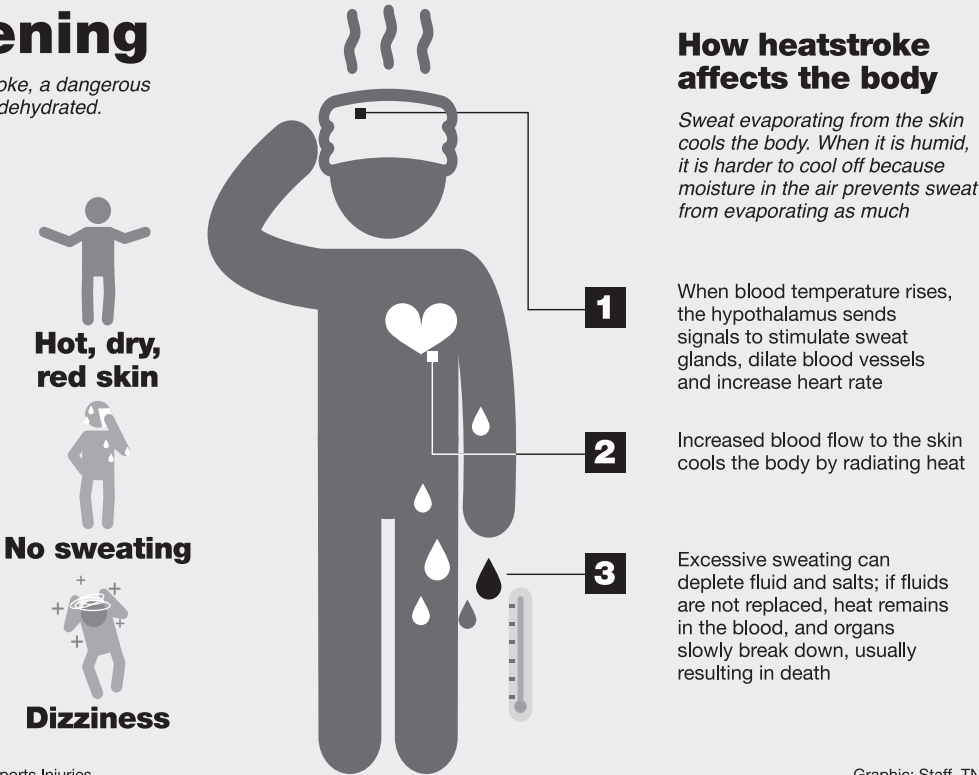
- Do you care more about the virtue of what you eat than the pleasure you receive from eating it?
- Do you spend more than three hours a day thinking about healthy foods?
- Do you look down on other people who do not eat like you?

When heat becomes life-threatening

Increased physical activity and prolonged exposure to the sun during hot, humid weather can bring on heatstroke, a dangerous condition in which the body is unable to cool itself. Heat exhaustion is a condition in which the body becomes dehydrated.

Recognizing and treating heat-induced illnesses

	Heat exhaustion	Heatstroke
How it starts	Insufficient water and salt intake are the primary causes; faintness, dizziness and fatigue usually are the first signs	Heat exhaustion, if untreated, can develop into heatstroke as heat builds up in the body; people who aren't treated quickly can die
Skin	Usually cold and clammy, with heavy sweating	Hot, dry and red; perspiration usually stops completely
Pulse	Rapid and weak	Rapid and strong
Body temperature	Usually low or normal	Above 103 F (39.4 C); at 107 F (41.7 C), it usually is fatal
Other symptoms	Thirst, giddiness, weakness and lack of coordination	Fainting or staggering, confusion or delirium
Treatment	Lie down in a cool, shady place; loosen clothing; sip water (unless nauseated); seek medical attention immediately if vomiting occurs	Seek medical attention immediately; move to a cool place; remove clothing; apply a wet sheet or immerse in cool water



Life & Style

Man shouting 'You die!' kills 33 in Japan anime studio fire

TOKYO (AP)—A man screaming “You die!” burst into an animation studio in Kyoto, doused it with a flammable liquid and set it on fire Thursday, killing 33 people in an attack that shocked the country and brought an outpouring of grief from anime fans.

Thirty-six others were injured, some of them critically, in a blaze that sent people scrambling up the stairs toward the roof in a desperate—and futile—attempt to escape what proved to be Japan’s deadliest fire in nearly two decades. Others emerged bleeding, blackened and barefoot.

The suspect, identified only as a 41-year-old man who did not work for the studio, was injured and taken to a hospi-



An investigator takes pictures inside the Kyoto Animation Studio building destroyed in an arson attack Friday, July 19, 2019, in Kyoto, Japan.

tal. Police gave no details on the motive, but a witness told Japanese TV that the attacker angrily complained that something of his had been stolen, possibly by the company.

Most of the victims were employees of Kyoto Animation, which does work on movies and TV productions but is best known for its mega-hit stories featuring high school girls. The tales are so popular that fans make pilgrimages to some of the places depicted.

The blaze started in the three-story building in Japan’s ancient capital after the attacker sprayed an unidentified liquid accelerant, police and fire officials said.

“There was an explosion, then I heard people shouting, some asking for help,” a witness told TBS TV. “Black smoke was rising from windows on upper floors. Ten there was a man struggling to crawl out of the window.”

Japanese media reported the fire might have been set near the front door, forcing people to find other ways out.

The building has a spiral

staircase that may have allowed flames and smoke to rise quickly to the top floor, NHK noted. Fire expert Yuji Hasemi at Waseda University told NHK that paper drawings and other documents in the studio also may have contributed to the fire’s rapid spread.

Firefighters found 33 bodies, 20 of them on the third floor and some on the stairs to the roof, where they had apparently collapsed, Kyoto fire official Kazuhiro Hayashi said. Two were found dead on the first floor, 11 others on the second floor, he said.

A witness who saw the attacker being approached by police told Japanese media that the man admitted spreading gasoline and setting the fire with a lighter. She told NHK public television that the man had burns on his arms and legs and complained that something had been stolen from him.

She told Kyodo News that his hair got singed and his legs were exposed because his jeans were burned below the knees.

Portman is Thor, Ali is Blade and more from Marvel’s Phase 4

SAN DIEGO (AP)—“Avengers: Endgame” may have closed a chapter in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, but the blockbuster factory is not slowing down and only expanding in scope and diversity.

Marvel Studios President Kevin Feige led a marathon presentation at San Diego Comic-Con Saturday night, announcing plans for the first two years of “Phase Four,” which will include Natalie Portman taking up the hammer as Thor, making Angelina Jolie an immortal for “The Eternals” and rebooting “Blade” with Mahershala Ali.

The stars assembled in the San Diego Convention Center’s Hall H as Feige ticked through the release calendar for 2020 and 2021 movie by movie, giving official cast lists, release dates, titles and logos for everything from “Black Widow,” the “Doctor Strange” sequel, “Thor 4” to “Shang-Chi” to “The Eternals.”

“I’m so excited to be



Director Taika Waititi hands the Thor hammer to Natalie Portman during the “Thor Love And Thunder” portion of the Marvel Studios panel on day three of Comic-Con International on Saturday, July 20, 2019, in San Diego.

here,” Jolie told the crowd.

She said she’s going to work “10 times harder” than she has on any of her other action roles because she knows what it means to “be part of the MCU” and “part of this family.”

Jolie, who is playing the character Thena, was joined by her “The Eternals” cast mates including Richard Madden, Kumail Nanjiani, Salma Hayek and Brian Tyree Henry,

as well as director Chloé Zhao.

“I just really, really wanted to make a Marvel movie for so long,” Zhao said.

It’s set for release on Nov. 6, 2020, after “Black Widow” kicks things off on May 1 with Scarlett Johansson, as well as “Stranger Things” breakout David Harbour, Rachel Weisz and Florence Pugh. Audiences got a look at some early footage from the Cate Shortland-directed film showing Jo-

hansson and Pugh in some Bourne Identity-style hand-to-hand combat.

Marvel also revealed that newcomer Simu Liu will be playing the lead role in “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings,” directed by Destin Daniel Cretton and coming to theaters on Feb. 12, 2021. He’ll star alongside Awkwafina and Chinese actor Tony Leung, who is playing The Mandarin.

“This is the craziest, craziest dream,” said Liu, who was literally cast on Tuesday.

The third film of 2021, after “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness,” which director Scott Derrickson said will be Marvel’s “first horror movie,” is perhaps the most anticipated, however: “Thor 4.”

Portman, who played Jane in the first two Thor films, will be remerging as the female Thor. She ran out on stage to thunderous applause and accepted the hammer from a kneeling Taika Waititi.

‘Game of Thrones’ cast talks divisive finale, water bottles

SAN DIEGO (AP)—“Game of Thrones” may be over but the cast can’t seem to get away from stray coffee cups.

Maisie Williams, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Liam Cunningham, Isaac Hempstead Wright and others took the stage at San Diego Comic-Con Friday evening for a goodbye panel and found some waiting at their places.

It was a cheeky reference to the misplaced coffee cup that viewers spotted in an episode of the final season that

subsequently went viral. Although the moderator didn’t make them answer for the coffee, actor John Bradley did have to defend himself against the other out-of-place item in the finale: The water bottle by his foot.

“I am right handed. I’ve thought about this very strongly,” Bradley said, making a case that he would have put the bottle on the other side if it was his. “I’m not trying to clear my name, but ... I think I’ve taken enough

blame for this one.”

The cast was in good spirits after years of attending Comic-Con and not being able to reveal anything at the panels. Finally they were allowed to talk about things.

The big Hall H audience cheered to find out some of their favorite lines: Williams chose her own character’s battle cry, “Not today,” while Conleth Hill went for his co-star Peter Dinklage’s, “I drink and I know things.”

They also indulged in some fan theories, cleared up some burning questions and speculated about what happens after the finale.

Wright said that he can’t imagine Bran’s new government is a “barrel of laughs.”

“Westeros is probably a surveillance state,” he said.

But perhaps there is more fun happening on the new small council, according to Bradley.

“It basically turns into ‘The Office,’” he said.

Lin-Manuel Miranda geeks out on ‘His Dark Materials’

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Lin-Manuel Miranda says he agreed to being in the adaptation of “His Dark Materials” before he even knew what part he was being offered.

Miranda plays Lee Scoresby, a cowboy who flies hot air balloons and gets into bar fights, although he says he would have sharpened pencils to be part of the production.

He and his fellow castmates James McAvoy and Ruth Wilson debuted a trailer for the HBO and BBC series based on the Philip Pullman novels Thursday evening at Comic-Con in San Diego.

The big-budget 2007 feature film “The Golden Compass” also attempted to adapt Pullman’s material, but it was not well received by critics and disappointed at the box office.

“I thought it was time for the books to be liberated,” said producer Jane Tranter, who convinced New Line and Pullman to let her adapt them into a series.

She helped recruit Miranda to the project while he was in London filming “Mary Poppins Returns” and he had a very personal reason for feeling so passionately about the material.

“When my wife and I started dating we read these books together,” Miranda said. “They’re in a really special place in my heart.”

The audience responded with a big “aw” to the story.

McAvoy, who plays Lord Asriel, was also a big fan of the material—so much so that he basically signed on in a single phone call from the casting director, who is a friend of his, just days before filming was set to begin.

Lyra actress Dafne Keen, on the other hand, didn’t know the source material when she booked the role. At just 14, she told the audience that it was because the books came out before she was born. But she tore through the three books and became a fan before production started.

But Miranda was by far the giddiest of the cast, excitedly asking permission to reveal his first scene.

“I literally come into this thing singing a duet with my demon, on a big hot air balloon, which was a fun way to enter the world,” Miranda said. “I can’t believe we get to go back to summer camp this summer for season two.”

HBO has yet to set a premiere date for the series.

Hamilton, Schwarzenegger tease R-rated 'Terminator' sequel

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Leave the kids at home, "Terminator: Dark Fate" is getting an R-rating.

Director Tim Miller told the audience at San Diego Comic-Con that it wasn't always going to be the plan, but the fans demanded it. The panel that kicked off the fan convention Thursday morning may also have gotten the same rating

with the number of expletives thrown around by Miller.

Arnold Schwarzenegger even won \$20 because Miller said one particular word more than 5 times.

"It was 10," Schwarzenegger said. "I counted."

Would you expect any less from the director of "Deadpool"?

Miller and Schwarzenegger were joined by Linda Hamilton,

who is reprising her role as Sarah Connor, franchise newcomer Mackenzie Davis and other cast members on the Hall H stage.

This latest film fully ignores the events of the last Terminator movie, "Terminator: Genisys," with Emilia Clarke which bombed with audiences and critics in 2015. Instead "Dark Fate" picks up where James Cameron left off

with "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" in 1991.

Producer David Ellison even told Miller that he didn't do Terminator as well as he'd wished the first time around with "Genisys" and wanted to try again.

Part of the strategy to "get it right" involved bringing Cameron back to produce.

Cameron chimed in via a live broadcast from the set of the "Avatar" sequels. He said he would have liked to have been in San Diego to kick off the 50th Comic-Con, but that

he had to keep working.

"Everybody's always whining about how long it's taking 'Avatar' to get done," Cameron said.

His requirements for a new "Terminator" film started and stopped with wanting to make sure Schwarzenegger came back. It wasn't a problem, since Schwarzenegger himself said he's addicted to these films.

"'Terminator' was the movie that really launched my action movie career," Schwarzenegger said.

Then there was the Sarah

Connor question. For Cameron and many fans, Hamilton is the one true Sarah. He sent her a "long rambling email with a lot of reasons why she should do it and a lot of reasons why she shouldn't."

The main point in the "pro column," Cameron said, is that people love her as this character.

"The character is the same but time changes everything," Hamilton said. "I felt there was a world of richness I could explore and then rock it as a woman of a certain age."

Co-stars say Huffman remorseful for role in college case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Felicity Huffman's co-stars in a new Netflix movie say they found her remorseful about her role in a college admissions scandal.

Actress Angela Bassett said Huffman appears ready to take whatever steps are necessary in her case. Patricia Arquette said she believes Huffman feels terrible about her participation in the case.

Huffman didn't meet reporters to promote the film "Otherhood." She pleaded guilty in May to paying \$15,000 to a college admis-

sions consultant to have a proctor correct her daughter's answers on the SAT.

"Nobody is perfect in this world," Arquette said. "And I do think she's genuinely sorry."

In the movie, "Otherhood," producer Cathy Schulman noted that there are ties binding Huffman's character to the real-life actress. She said Huffman plays a flawed character, a mother who believes that her own actions can



Huffman

make anything possible for her child.

"The Felicity that I know and love and worked with is a person who has had a hard year experiencing a flaw," Schulman said.

"And we wish you the best. And we

don't feel that it overshadows our film in any way, shape or form because mothering is complicated and we do what we need to do."

The movie premieres on Netflix on Aug. 2.

Trump's bail offer for jailed rapper rings hollow in Sweden

BERLIN (AP)—U.S. President Donald Trump said he spoke with Sweden's prime minister Saturday about jailed rapper A\$AP Rocky and "offered to personally vouch for his bail," a hollow offer in a criminal justice system that doesn't include bail.

Trump tweeted that during "a very good call" with Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, he also "assured him that A\$AP was not a flight risk." The platinum-selling, Grammy-nominated artist has been in custody since early this month over an alleged fight.

While not an option in Swe-

den, bail is common in the United States. A defendant is allowed to post an amount of money set by the court to guarantee the defendant will appear for trial if he or she is freed pending those proceedings.

Urged on by the first lady and celebrities including Kanye West and Kim Kardashian West, the president had said in a Friday tweet that he would intervene to try to free Rocky, whose real name is Rakim May.

"Our teams will be talking further, and we agreed to speak again in the next 48 hours," Trump wrote Saturday

after speaking with Lofven.

The prime minister's press secretary, Toni Eriksson, confirmed hours later that Lofven and Trump had a conversation that "was friendly and respectful and lasted about 20 minutes."

Lofven "made certain to emphasize the complete independence of the Swedish judicial system, prosecutors and courts," Eriksson said in a statement. "He underlined that in Sweden everyone is equal before the law and that the government cannot and will not attempt to influence the legal proceedings."



Mahershala Ali, center, wears a hat to promote his new movie "Blade" at the Marvel Studios panel on day three of Comic-Con International on Saturday, July 20, 2019, in San Diego.

Free spirit feels like wings are clipped with current beau

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for nearly two years. He would literally do anything for me. He's incredibly affectionate and supportive, and a lot of women would love to have someone like him.

My problem is we see the world through completely different eyes. I'm an artist. I want to go out and explore the world and do crazy things. He's more comfortable at home with video games and he's not comfortable mingling with crowds. He can be overprotective sometimes, and when I bring up my concerns about possibly breaking up, he doesn't take me seriously and says, "You do this every time you're upset."

We live together and are dependent both financially and emotionally. Honestly, I would like to stay with him, but I'm torn about what to do. Should I leave someone I should be grateful for in order to chase selfish dreams? Or should I stay and encourage him to change?

CHASING MY DREAMS

DEAR CHASING YOUR DREAMS: Your boyfriend isn't going to change. If you can't accept him the way he is, then it would be better for both of you to separate.

DEAR ABBY: I like to host parties for my kids, family events and game nights with friends. I love when my home is filled with loving family and friends. But when we open our

home, there always seems to be someone who feels it necessary to point out something wrong with our home or something that should be fixed. It drives me nuts! I find it hard to respond without sounding snotty. When I'm invited to someone's home, I would never walk around and nitpick and point out problem areas. I would love it if you could give me examples of what I can say to deflect those not-so-helpful comments.

HOST IN ILLINOIS

DEAR HOST: Allow me to offer you a menu. Feel free to pick and choose as you please:

1. "Oh, my! I hadn't noticed."
2. "Thank you for pointing that out. I'll have it fixed before you come back over." (And don't invite the person again.)
3. "The next time you visit, be sure to bring along your wrench."

DEAR ABBY: For our anniversary, I bought my wife a \$1,500 necklace and told her that if she wanted, it could be exchanged at the store within a month.

The following week she went out with some friends and came back with a different piece of jewelry from the store that cost an additional \$800. Besides the financial aspect, I'm feeling hurt that what I gave was not adequate enough for her. Am

DEAR ABBY

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I being too sensitive here?

HURT FEELINGS IN BOCA RATON

DEAR HURT FEELINGS: You are a generous and loving husband. You should not, however, feel hurt that your wife exchanged the necklace. You told her she could, and she took you up on it. Perhaps next time you should consider asking her what she would like, so you can choose the gift "together."

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ACROSS

1 Wax-coated cheese

5 Snooze

8 Shark variety

12 Miracle drug, maybe

14 "If — a Hammer"

15 Work on a manuscript

16 Delhi dress

17 Before

18 Powerless

20 Puccini work

23 Trudge

24 "Sad to say ..."

25 Enthusiastic approval

28 Decks in the ring

29 "Blue" singer Rimes

30 Coffee holder

32 "Our team won!"

34 — avis

DOWN

1 PC key

2 Pair

3 Dadaist artist

4 Seth of "Late Night"

5 Un-dressed

6 "Exodus" hero

7 Peevish

8 Total up incorrectly

9 Pequod captain

10 Hoopster Malone

11 Garfield's pal

13 Michael of "Superbad"

19 Subject, usually

20 Sturdy tree

21 Oxen's burden

22 Lighten

23 Un-adorned

25 Human-powered taxis

26 One-named super-model

27 Rotate

29 Peru's capital

31 Festive

33 Small and delicate

34 School break

36 Cookie holders

37 "Das Kapital" author

38 Say it's so

39 Singer Hendrix

40 Garbage barge

43 Browns, on scoreboards

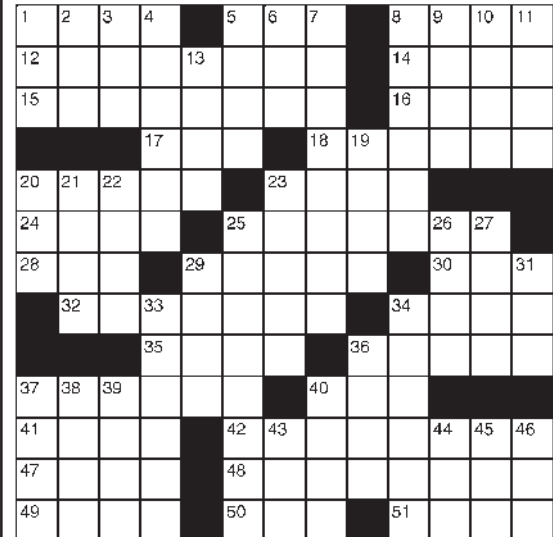
44 Mafia boss

45 "— Little Teapot" abbr.

46 Recipe abbr.

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Happy Birthday: Communication is your vehicle to success. Establish what you want to accomplish, and persuade others to get on board. The people you encounter throughout your journey will motivate you to become the best version of who you want to be. Love, romance, travel and adventure are encouraged. Believe in what you can do and so will everyone else. Your numbers are 6, 10, 21, 26, 33, 41, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Invest more time, money and energy in personal gains, a healthy lifestyle and clearing up unfinished business. It's time to be realistic about the past, present and future. Size up situations, and make adjustments that ease stress and favor peace of mind. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Move forward with enthusiasm. Don't let anxiety and anger stand between you and doing what's right. Choose to surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you. Personal growth, knowledge and spirituality are featured. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make personal changes that will make your life better. Distance yourself from people who play emotional mind games. Focus on getting your house in order and starting a routine that is geared toward your happiness and good health. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Set time aside for a meaningful discussion. Whether it's with a peer, friend or relative, getting

your thoughts out there will encourage others to do the same. Solutions will come in many formats. Be receptive to what's being offered. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen carefully to what others say. Consider what's possible. Knowing what you want will help you eliminate options that are tempting but not in your best interest. Work with what you have, and avoid unnecessary change. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you want to change something, you have to participate. Coming up with a plan is one thing, but executing it is what matters. Be original, helpful and the one who makes a difference. What you say and do counts. Nurture important relationships. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look past any obstacles, and you will see a passage that will help you reach your destination. A passionate attitude, coupled with an energetic approach, will outmatch anyone who tries to stand in your way. Don't fear failure; fear giving up. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Communication, travel and interactions with people who have something to share that you aren't familiar with will be enlightening. Someone you encounter will motivate you to make a personal change that will live up your life. Romance is highlighted. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Home improvement doesn't have to be costly. Make your surroundings inviting. Filling your home with love, laughter and music will cheer you up and encourage you to spend more time at home and less on expensive entertainment. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider what you want, and start heading in that direction. Deal with relationship issues to ensure that you are on the same page as someone close to you. A commitment will help to alleviate any doubt you might have. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what you used to enjoy doing, and check out how best to incorporate it into your current routine. With a little effort, energy and optimism, much can be accomplished. Reconnect with someone you used to enjoy being around. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Interact with people who share your concerns, interests and plans. Collaborating will bring stellar results as well as the help required to get things done. Love and romance, along with a personal gain, look promising. ★★

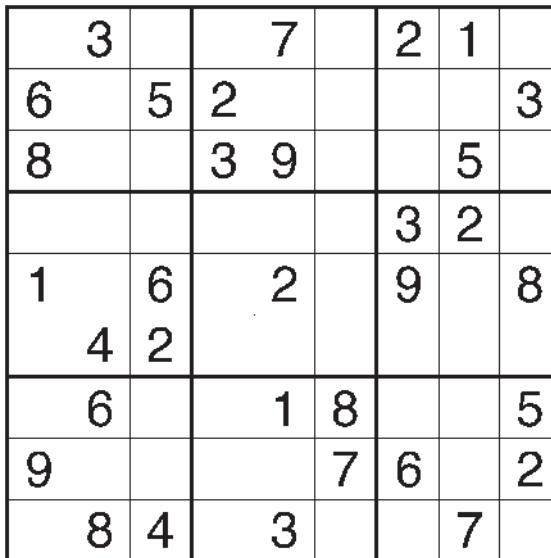
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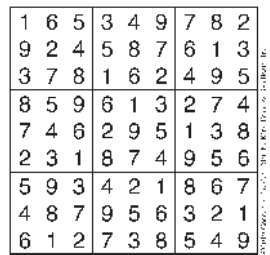
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Last Friday's Answer



WONDERWORD

By DAVID CUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

CLOUD STORAGE Solution: 8 letters



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Lowry builds 4-shot lead in British Open

PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland (AP)—The noise was unlike anything Shane Lowry had ever heard on a golf course, no surprise at the first British Open in these parts in 68 years and an Irishman atop the leaderboard at Royal Portrush.

Lowry didn't get rattled Saturday. He only got better.

Two straight birdies around the turn to take the lead. Three straight birdies near the end to pull away. An 8-under 63 for his lowest round in a major. A stunning back nine that gave him the 54-hole record in the British Open. A four-shot lead going into the final round.

Walking off the 17th tee, Lowry turned to his caddy and said, "We might never have a day like this on the golf course again, so let's enjoy this."

"Honestly, that's the most incredible day I've ever had on the golf course," Lowry said. "I just can't believe what it was like."

It can get a lot better, starting with his name etched on the base of that silver claret jug.

Lowry wasn't willing to look that far ahead, not with a forecast so dire the R&A moved up the starting times Sunday in an effort to avoid the worst of the heavy rain and 35 mph gusts in the forecast.

"There's no point in saying to go out and enjoy myself tomorrow because it's going to be a very stressful and very difficult day," Lowry said. "I'm going to take the bad shots on the chin and I'm going to take the good shots and try to capitalize on that. I'm just going to be myself and play my game and see where it leaves me."



He took a big step with a 30 on the back nine to break away from the pack for a four-shot lead over Tommy Fleetwood, who had a bogey-free 66 and still lost ground. J.B. Holmes, who shared the 36-hole lead with Lowry, couldn't keep up. No one could.

Holmes had two straight bogeys on the back nine, didn't

make as many putts as the opening two rounds, but otherwise was solid for a 69.

"It wasn't like it was terrible," Holmes said. "But when you're playing with a guy making everything, it feels like you shot a million."

The return of golf's oldest championship to Northern Ireland no longer had favor-

ite son Rory McIlroy. Lowry filled the void just fine.

He was teammates with McIlroy for Irish golf when they won the European Amateur Championship in 2007. Lowry didn't mind when all the attention was showered on the trio of Ulstermen—McIlroy, Graeme McDowell and Darren Clarke—as Northern

Ireland embraced such a special week.

"The guys are from here. I grew up four hours away," Lowry said. "I felt like I could come here and come under the radar. I'm not quite under the radar anymore. I didn't feel like a forgotten Irishman. But hopefully, I'm the one they're talking about tomorrow evening."

Lowry was at 16-under 197, breaking by one the 54-hole record set by Tom Lehman in 1996 at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

Sunday's weather had everyone talking at the end of the day. There's also the chance of an internal storm brewing in Lowry. He chuckled when he looked up at the scoreboard on the 18th green to see his lead at four shots, knowing Oakmont would be brought up.

Lowry also had a four-shot lead going into the final round of the 2016 U.S. Open. He closed with a 76 as Dustin Johnson rallied for his only major. The pressure figures to be even greater this time around as he goes for a silver jug on the Emerald Isle.

Lowry says he learned from that day, how to hang in until the very end. He has matured. He has a family. And he wants to embrace the moment because "who knows when I'll be in this position again? It's taken me three years to get back here."

Ireland's Shane Lowry plays his shot from the 1st tee during the third round of the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Fleetwood had his share of support, hugely popular for his long hair flowing out of his cap and his easy nature. He was at 12-under 201, has made only two bogeys through 54 holes and still has to make up a four-shot deficit.

"You have to look at it realistically," he said. "I had a great day today. I had one of the best rounds of the day and I was bogey-free. Shane just played great and I'm four back. But that's it. I'm just happy with how I played."

Still on the fringe of contention was Brooks Koepka, a familiar face in the majors. The PGA champion—a winner in three of the last six majors—he couldn't get enough putts to fall and still managed a 67. He was seven shots behind, along with Justin Rose (68).

"I've hit it as good as I could possibly imagine. I putted the worst in the entire field," Koepka said. "It's been really bad. Very frustrating. Disappointed. But thankfully, it's going to blow tomorrow to have any sort of chance. I need to figure out the putter."

Koepka wasn't about to concede anything at Portrush, regardless of the weather. He had a seven-shot lead at Bethpage Black in the PGA Championship, saw the lead shrink to one in a matter of four holes, and won by two.

Rose thought he had done just enough to stay in range. When he finished, Lowry was starting to roll.

The final hour was masterful.

The pin was back right on the par-3 16th known as "Calamity Corner" because it drops off some 50 feet right of the green. Lowry sent his 4-iron right at the flag and onto the green until it settled about 10 feet away. From the light rough to the left of the fairway on the 17th, he hit a perfect chip-and-run to 3 feet for his final birdie.

Even his 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole—with a chance to join Branden Grace as the only players with a 62 in a major—looked good until it turned away.

"Every time I had a putt today, I just wanted to hole it because I wanted to hear that roar," Lowry said. "It was just incredible. It was an incredible day."

Now, all that stands between Lowry and the claret jug are 18 holes, tough weather and Sunday pressure with the hopes of an island following him along.



HOUSTON—Despite reports that said otherwise, Houston Rockets star James Harden insists that there is no beef between him and former teammate Chris Paul.

Speaking at his basketball camp, Harden downplayed reports of a rift between him and Paul.

He told the Houston Chronicle, "It was a lot of false talk. Obviously as teammates, as competitors we argue on the court. You have your disagreements on the court, your arguments on the court, but that's just part of basketball. Everybody has that no matter what level of basketball you're in."

Instead, Harden says that the pair remained in communication and despite no longer being teammates are still cool with each other.

"All the negative media stuff and all that stuff that was going on and running,

Harden denies beef with CP3

it wasn't true. Me and Chris had constant communication and we're good."

In June, it was reported that the relationship between Harden and Paul reached a breaking point with Paul demanding a trade out of Houston. The pair reportedly hadn't spoken to each other in two months and created a harsh environment for teammates.

Less than a month later, the Rockets dealt Paul to the Oklahoma City Thunder in a move that reunited Russell Westbrook with Harden in Houston.

While the process was extremely public, it wasn't upsetting according to Harden because he knew the truth all along.

"It wasn't upsetting to me because I knew the truth. We knew the truth. It wasn't upsetting at all," Harden said. "It's pretty funny how guys can speculate and make up

false stories on the TV and then you got people believing it. That's where guys have to make sure their facts are true before they put stuff in the media or national television. But for personally, and I'm sure for Chris as well, we didn't pay any attention to it."

Harden elected to praise Paul for the lessons he taught him and likened the relationship not working out to life and the business of basketball.

"Chris has been unbelievable these last two years," he said. "He's helped me as a leader, as a mentor, just all that good stuff. I guess it's life. It's the business how things just don't work out. He's a great dude I have nothing negative to say about him."

Korver signs with Bucks

Reigning NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo will have an extra shooter for his next

playoff run, as the Milwaukee Bucks agreed to a one-year deal with sharpshooter Kyle Korver.

The Bucks were already favored to win the East, and adding another elite shooter is key to their strategy of surrounding Giannis Antetokounmpo with four shooters. With the departures of Malcolm Brogdon and Nikola Mirotic, they were on the market for more wings.

Korver is one of the top three-point shooters of the millennium with a career 42.9 percent mark from beyond the arc. And although he's played fewer than 30 minutes per game each of the last three seasons, he's still been able to put up more than five triples per game.

While nearly every contending team could use an extra shooter, Korver was reportedly choosing between the Bucks and Philadelphia 76ers, who are looking to replace JJ Redick.

Red Sox go on offensive in rout of Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP)—On a sizzling night at Camden Yards, the Boston Red Sox worked up a sweat running around the bases during their most prolific offensive performance of the year.

Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a pair of three-run homers, Mookie Betts homered and had three RBIs, and Boston blew out the Baltimore Orioles 17-6 Saturday.

Rafael Devers and Sandy Leon also went deep for the Red Sox. Betts and J.D. Martinez had three hits apiece, and every starter scored at least once.

"It was great," manager Alex Cora said. "We had good at-bats and hit the ball all over the place."

The temperature was 97 degrees at game time, and the Red Sox bats were even hotter. It was Boston's highest-scoring outburst since a 19-3 rout of Baltimore last Sept. 26.

Orioles rookie Tom Eshelman (0-2) pitched a perfect first inning, but ended up giving up nine runs before getting pulled in the fourth.

"They're all veterans over there," Eshelman said. "You just have to understand that they've been around the game

a long time, they know what to do, they understand what I'm trying to do, and they made their adjustments."

Blue Jays 7, Tigers 5

In Detroit, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his first career grand slam, a 441-foot drive toward the bushes at Comerica Park that helped the Toronto Blue Jays rally for a victory.

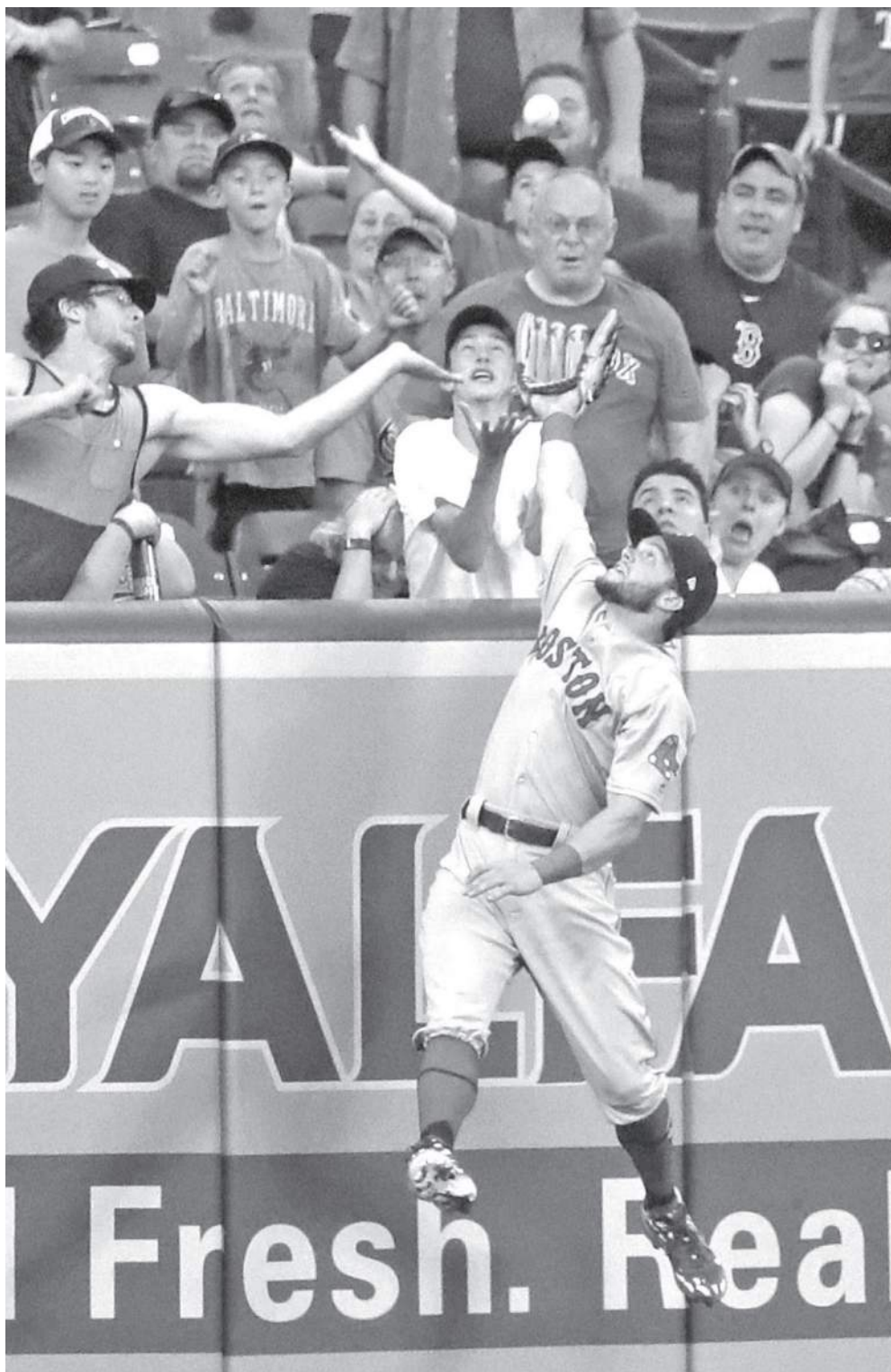
Guerrero's home run erased a 5-1 deficit in the fifth, and Brandon Drury added a two-run shot an inning later to put Toronto ahead. Niko Goodrum and John Hicks went deep for the Tigers, who are 7-33 since the start of June.

Goodrum's two-run homer in the second gave Detroit a 3-1 lead, but a 59-minute rain delay in the fourth knocked out both starting pitchers.

Nationals 5, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Anibal Sánchez outpitched Mike Soroka and scored the go-ahead run in the fifth inning. Matt Adams homered and Washington beat the Braves.

Second-place Washington pulled within 5½ games of the NL East-leading Braves.



AP
Boston Red Sox left fielder Andrew Benintendi leaps but is unable to snag a three-run home run hit by Baltimore Orioles' Renato Nunez during the third inning of a baseball game, Saturday, July 20, 2019, in Baltimore.

his first major league victory.

Pablo Sandoval singled four times for the Giants.

Reds 3, Cardinals 2

In Cincinnati Yasiel Puig hit a game-tying double to end Miles Mikolas' shutout bid, Josh VanMeter followed with his first major league home run and the Reds snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over St. Louis.

VanMeter and Eugenio Suarez each had two hits for the Reds. Suarez led off the seventh with a walk and scored from first on a double into the left-center field gap by Puig.

Royals 1, Indians 0

In Cleveland, Hunter Dozier homered in the first inning and Jakob Junis pitched two-hit ball through six innings as Kansas City snapped the Indians' six-game win streak.

Dozier sent a 349-foot shot to right off Adam Plutko for his 15th home run. That run stood up as Junis and three relievers combined for a three-hitter and the Royals' fourth shutout of the season.

Astros 6, Rangers 1

In Houston, José Urquidy threw seven dominant innings for his first major league win and Yuli Gurriel hit a three-run homer, sending Houston past Texas.

Making his third career start, Urquidy (1-0) held the Rangers to two baserunners—a homer by Shin-Soo Choo and an infield single by Hunter Pence. The 24-year-old rookie right-hander from Mexico struck out nine.

Pirates 5, Phillies 1

In Pittsburgh, Joe Musgrove scattered two hits over six innings, collected his first double of the season and scored on a textbook head-first slide to lead the Pirates over Philadelphia.

Musgrove (7-8) tied a season high with eight strikeouts, walked two and allowed only an unearned run in the sixth to win his third consecutive decision.

Brewers 8, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Mike Moustakas hit a three-run homer in the eighth and Milwaukee scored six runs after Zack Greinke left to beat Arizona.

Greinke, who also had a run-scoring double, allowed two runs and struck out nine in seven innings. He moved into 29th on baseball's all-time strikeouts list, leaving with a 3-2 lead.

Ex-Denver coach Shanahan takes in Broncos practice



ENGLEWOOD, Colo.

(AP)—Mike Shanahan attended a Denver Broncos practice for the first time since he was fired as coach on New Year's Eve 2008.

"I was glad he was here," new head coach Vic Fangio said after practice Saturday. "I think it's good he's here. Mike's got a big part in the rich history of this franchise and he's welcome to come here anytime he wants."

Fangio said he and Shanahan go back a long way "as competitors but not long as friends. We've just gotten to know each other the last" several years.

In addition to chatting with Fangio, Shanahan spent time talking with team president and CEO Joe Ellis and new offensive coordinator Rich Scangarello, who worked for Shanahan's son, Kyle, in San Francisco, as well as assistant offensive line coach Chris Kuper, a draft pick of Shanahan's in 2006.

Rookie guard Dalton Risner, who grew up in Wiggins, Colorado, said Shanahan's visit was a treat.

"When I grew up watching the Broncos, I watched Mike Shanahan constantly," Risner said. "To see him out there, I wanted to shake his

hand after practice. I didn't get a chance to and I think he's gone already. So, big bummer, but I still saw him watching me practicing out there, which was pretty cool."

Shanahan spent 14 seasons in charge of the Broncos, guiding them to two Super Bowl titles in the late 1990s with John Elway at quarterback. His 146 wins, including the playoffs, are the most in club history.

Elway, now the Broncos general manager, toyed with the idea of bringing Shanahan back as head coach last year but stuck with Vance Joseph, whom he fired after a 6-10 season. Fangio replaced Joseph on Jan. 10.

Shanahan attended the dedication of the Pat Bowlen Field House adjacent to the team's practice fields a couple of years ago and was on hand when the Broncos honored their first Super Bowl-winning team during a game against Green Bay in 2015. But this marked his first visit to the main football facilities and practice in 11 years.

After leaving the Broncos, Shanahan coached the Washington Redskins from 2010-13.

Also on hand for Saturday's practice was Lloyd Pierce, coach of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks.

Sánchez (6-6) got a big assist in the bottom of the fifth when shortstop Trea Turner turned a bases-loaded double play. He allowed three runs and six hits.

Sean Doolittle got the last five outs for his 21st save in 25 chances.

Athletics 5, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Khris Davis lined a two-out, two-run single off the glove of diving first baseman Ehire Adrianza in the ninth inning and Oakland beat Minnesota.

The A's won for the 21st time in 27 games. Miguel Sanó, Mitch Garver and Nelson Cruz all homered for the AL Central-leading Twins, who have lost five of six.

Minnesota reliever Taylor Rogers (2-2) retired the first two batters in the ninth. But he then hit Mark Canha with a pitch and gave up a double to Ramón Laureano. Davis followed by going the other way, and Adrianza made a dive into the hole and tried to backhand the ball, but it deflected off his mitt and rolled into shallow right field.

White Sox 2, Rays 1, 11 innings

In St. Petersburg, Yoán Moncada scored from first base on a single in the 11th inning and Chicago beat Tampa Bay.

Moncada drew a walk off Adam Kolarek (3-3) to lead off the 11th, and sprinted around the bases when José Abreu punched a single into right field off Chaz Roe.

Jace Fry (2-4) got the win in relief, and Alex Colomé pitched the 11th for his 21st save in 22 attempts.

The loss was Tampa Bay's season-high fifth straight and dropped the Rays 10 games behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

Yankees 11, Rockies 5

In New York, Edwin Encarnación chased Anthony Senzate with a two-run double in a five-run second inning, and the Yankees beat Colorado for their fifth straight win.

New York went ahead when Aaron Judge doubled in a run on Senzate's 10th pitch and took a 9-0 lead by the fourth.

Encarnación added an RBI

double in the seventh, and DJ LeMahieu raised his AL-leading average to .334 with three hits.

Cubs 6, Padres 5

In Chicago, Javier Báez hit a go-ahead, three-run homer and Cubs relievers combined for one-hit ball over the final four innings to beat San Diego.

Anthony Rizzo had two hits and drove in two runs and Rabel Garcia added an RBI triple as NL Central-leading Chicago improved to 7-1 since the All-Star break.

Manny Machado hit a two-run shot for his 200th career homer and Fernando Tatis Jr. and Hunter Renfroe also connected for San Diego.

Mets 11, Giants 4

In San Francisco, Pete Alonso came off the bench and hit his 33rd home run, setting the Mets rookie record for RBIs as New York snapped San Francisco's seven-game winning streak.

Dominic Smith, Jeff McNeil and Todd Frazier all went deep for the Mets. Walker Lockett (1-1) pitched five mostly sharp innings to earn

Resurging Pacquiao beats Thurman via split



LAS VEGAS
(AP)—Manny Pacquiao knocked down

Keith Thurman in the first round and persevered for an exciting split-decision victory Saturday night, adding a third straight win to his career resurgence after turning 40 years old.

Pacquiao (62-7-2) dropped his previously unbeaten opponent with a combination late in the first round, and the Pac-Man dominated the opening rounds with a combination of flair and power that recalled the incredible prime of the only eight-division champion in boxing history.

Thurman (29-1) showed remarkable tenacity in rallying through the middle rounds, repeatedly testing Pacquiao's chin with big shots. Neither fighter managed another knockdown, but they pushed relentlessly in front of a sell-out crowd at the MGM Grand Garden that repeatedly chanted the Filipino senator's name from the moment he reached the ring.

"It was fun," Pacquiao said. "My opponent is a good fighter and boxer. He was strong. ... I think he did his best, and I did my best. I think we made the fans happy tonight because it was a good fight."

Two judges scored the bout 115-112 for Pacquiao, while Glenn Feldman scored it 114-113 for Thurman. The Associated Press also scored it 115-112 for Pacquiao.



Manny Pacquiao, right, lands a punch against Keith Thurman in the 10th round of a welterweight title fight Saturday, July 20, 2019, in Las Vegas.

AP

Pacquiao appeared to be declining as recently as two years ago, when he lost a listless decision to Jeff Horn. But while his political career flourished, Pacquiao returned to the ring a year ago and put together solid back-to-back victories over Lucas Matthysse and Adrien Broner.

Thurman represented another major step up in competition to rejoin the welterweight elite—and Pacquiao

bolted out of the gate to show he was worthy of this match-up between two fighters who owned versions of the WBA welterweight title.

Both fighters started quickly with a series of good-looking exchanges, but Pacquiao changed the bout in an instant. He moved forward to land a left to the body and a right hook that sent Thurman to the canvas with 25 seconds left in

the first round.

Thurman got up comfortably while the ecstatic crowd roared, but Pacquiao kept up his superior work for the next two rounds, repeatedly rocking Thurman with a variety of shots. Even when Thurman put together a solid fifth round, he was stunned several times in the final minute and left with blood on his face.

But Thurman gathered him-

self and soundly beat Pacquiao through the middle rounds, forcing Pacquiao to show off his durable chin. Pacquiao reversed the momentum in the 10th with a series of big shots, including a punch to the body that sent Thurman stumbling away in obvious pain.

Both fighters pushed to the final bell and embraced.

"I knew it was close," Thurman said. "He had the momentum because he got the knockdown in Round 1. ... I wish I had a little bit more output to go toe to toe. My conditioning, my output was just behind Manny Pacquiao's tonight. Tonight was a blessing and a lesson."

Thurman called for a rematch, and the crowd vocally approved.

Nearly 25 years after a 16-year-old Pacquiao stepped onto the scales for his pro debut with rocks in his pockets just to make the 105-pound minimum weight, the 40-year-old politician showed he could have several years left in his day job.

Thurman had been eager to retire Pacquiao, but he couldn't hurt the ageless wonder.

Thurman has held a version of the WBA 147-pound title for six years, but he had fought just once since March 2017, when he edged Danny Garcia to earn two welterweight belts. He sat out the next 22 months with injuries, and he looked rusty and tentative at times in his comeback victory over Josesito Lopez last January.

But Thurman embraced his guaranteed \$2.5 million payday and the chance to take on Pacquiao, and he pumped

up the promotion with a series of bold statements about Pacquiao's age, ability and motivation. He even managed to irk the normally placid Pacquiao, who acknowledged that even his mother hadn't liked Thurman's trash talk.

Before the bout, Floyd Mayweather got into the ring before the bout to wish both fighters good luck. The retired superstar watched intently from the crowd in the same arena where he beat an injured Pacquiao four years ago. Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, has said he hopes Mayweather will come out of rematch for a rematch with Pacquiao.

On the undercard, Cuban welterweight Yordenis Ugas battered previously unbeaten Omar Figueroa Jr. for a decision victory featuring three identical 119-107 scorecards. Caleb Plant also defended his IBF super middleweight title with a dominant third-round stoppage of previously unbeaten Mike Lee.

Plant, 27, dominated Lee from the opening bell at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, wrapping up victory after sending his opponent to the canvas twice in the third.

Plant improved to 19-0 with 11 knockouts following the win, which was the main bout on the undercard of Saturday's Manny Pacquiao-Keith Thurman world title fight.

Lee, 32, fell to 21-1 following the loss.

It was a polished performance from Plant, who won the IBF crown with an upset win over Jose Uzcategui in Los Angeles in January.

US Open purse to surpass \$57M, richest in tennis

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. Open total purse this year is more than \$57 million, the richest in tennis history.

The men's and women's singles champion will each receive \$3.85 million, and the men's and women's doubles champion teams will get \$740,000. Those are both the highest payouts in U.S. Open history.

The U.S. Tennis Association said Thursday it worked with the ATP and WTA Tours to determine specific round-by-round prize money levels, and that the payouts for each round are all Grand Slam tournament records.

The payouts start at \$58,000 for the first round of singles.

The USTA adds that it will make a payment of \$500,000 to each tour to support the ATP and WTA Tour player programs, including pension.

The final major of the year will be played Aug. 26 through Sept. 8.

Li Na inducted into Hall of Fame

Meanwhile, Li Na has broken

new ground at the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

The 37-year-old former Chinese star became the first Asian-born player to be inducted on Saturday.

She was enshrined along with Mary Pierce of France and Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov during

a lengthy on-court ceremony that followed the Hall of Fame Open semifinals and stretched from sunset into nighttime, forcing grounds' crew members to scramble and bring in smaller spotlights.

Li became the first Asian to win a Grand Slam tournament, capturing the 2011 French Open in a final that was watched by an estimated 116 million people in her country.

"I did not (know) before I came to the court or it would have made me more nervous," she said during a mid-afternoon press conference.

"I started at about 8 years old, but I hated tennis," she told the crowd that was sitting in near darkness. "Not bad, at least I'm

standing here right now."

She also captured the 2014 Australian Open after being runner-up twice.

Both semifinal matches went three sets, prompting

the late ceremony for the trio of two-time Grand Slam singles champions.

"The goal is only as worth as the effect required to achieve it," said Pierce, fighting back tears at the start of her 29-minute speech.

The 45-year-old Kafelnikov was described on his plaque as "one of the most dominant Russian Players of his generation." He captured the 1996 French Open and three years later won the Australian.

"I know now what it is to be a Hall of Famer," he told the crowd. "I will carry that responsibility for the rest of my life, and hopefully I won't disappoint you."

Predominately a baseline player who reached No. 1 in the world in 2002, he won a gold medal at the 2000 Olym-



Neymar confident of tempting Barca offer

Neymar and his entourage are confident Barcelona will soon put together a strong cash-plus-players offer to entice Paris Saint-Germain into a sale, sources said.

The Brazil international has been back with the French champions and training this week after returning late from his homeland. However, the 27-year-old has not featured in either preseason friendly in Germany against Dynamo Dresden or FC Nurnberg after

he remained insistent on leaving this summer.

Despite the confidence on Neymar's side, sporting director Leonardo confirmed on Saturday that PSG haven't yet received any formal offers from Barca for their €222 million (\$249M) man. However, that could only be a matter of time, with super-agent Pini Zahavi—heavily involved in discussions—confident that the Spanish giants will soon find the money to make the

deal happen.

Barcelona have made a £90-million (\$112M) offer plus two players for Neymar, according to Sky in Germany.

The La Liga club has given PSG a list of six players that could be included in the deal, including Philippe Coutinho, Ousmane Dembele, Ivan Rakitic, Nelson Semedo, Malcom and Samuel Umtiti.

In order to help persuade

PSG to offload Neymar, Barcelona have offered them two players from the likes of Coutinho, Dembele, Rakitic, Semedo, Malcom and Umtiti. But why are they surplus to requirements at the La Liga champions?

Despite having only recently joined the Catalans for big-money fees, Coutinho and Dembele have largely flattered to deceive so far at the Camp Nou, with the club's fans even

getting on the back of the Brazil playmaker.

Barca have reportedly been looking to sell Rakitic this summer now the midfielder is 31, while Semedo and Malcom were both only bit-part players in Catalonia last season.

As for Umtiti, it is believed Barca have doubts over the France centre back's fitness after he missed large parts of the previous campaign with a knee injury.

Sources add that Barca are

remaining hopeful that Neymar's relationship with the Ligue 1 giants remains frosty and that PSG will ultimately lower their demands and make an agreement more feasible.

Leonardo recently told Le Parisien the club are aware that Barcelona are not in a strong position as buyers, and that they do not have enough money to purchase the South American without including multiple players in any potential deal.

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with Hutcherson leaping for a save. The ball went over Hutcherson's hands anew and seemed to head down when Griffin jumped right into the picture and kicked the ball in with her left foot.

Now down by two, Guam started to feel the pressure and was eager to counter. The hosts had two chances to score a few minutes after Griffin's second goal, but failed to cash in. Lauren Phillips broke away from two CNMI defenders and swung the ball from right to center inside the penalty to a trailing Jin-ae Teria, who took the shot before CNMI goalie Emalyn Aniana dove for the save. However, Teria's cross in the 53rd minute was way wide to the right. The other botched attempt came a minute later when Jadyn Palomares went for a long shot from center mid, but the ball also rolled way off to the right, missing its target.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's starting 11 gather for a group photo before their game against Guam in the Marianas Cup 2019 held at the Guam Football Association Training Center last Saturday.

That was the only time Guam made attempts in succession in the second half, as the CNMI dominated possession the rest of the way and repeatedly frustrated the hosts. The visiting players ei-

ther sneaked in to steal the ball from Guam or kicked it out of play, disrupting their opponents' rhythm.

While Guam's struggle continued, the CNMI got another goal in the 56th minute



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI Women's U19 National Team players pose with their medals after beating Guam in the Marianas Cup 2019 held at the Guam Football Association Training Center last Saturday.

off Borja's lob. The last goal was delivered after Jerlyn Castillo's shot was deflected by a Guam defender and Lilian Podziewski recovered the ball and passed it out to Borja at mid center. Borja then took two dribbles forward before unleashing a shot with

the ball going over the outstretched arms of Hutcherson, nearly hitting the center cross bar before heading down into the goal.

Borja was hugged by her teammates after the icing on the cake in the 56th minute,

but it was just a brief celebration, as they went back to business, playing steady defense and giving Guam no chance to launch a comeback.

"Our defense was solid today. We also controlled the game and the team worked very hard under the heat. Our fitness level was really good," head coach Luem Khen Koo said.

Koo and the CNMI women's team received medals and a trophy for the repeat against Guam, while Griffin was named MVP in the competition.

Meanwhile, Guam earned a split in the Marianas Cup after its U19/U23 crew topped the CNMI, 6-2. Anthony Quidachay, Kyle Halehale, Isiah Lagutang, Jacob McDonald, Devan Mendiola, and Clayton Sato scored for Guam, while Sunjoon Tenorio hit the board for the CNMI, which had its other goal off Guam's miscue. Halehale was the MVP in the men's division.

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ner, Matthew Stubbings of Papua New Guinea.

The CNMI pair had a heart-breaker in the first set with the PNG bet escaping with a 7-6 victory. In the second set, Sinclair and Lee came back with a vengeance, taking a 6-3 win. Then in the deciding super tiebreaker third set, it appeared that Stubbings and Tere-apisah were regaining their bearings and set to spoil the party for the CNMI duo. However, Lee and Sinclair showed poise in the end and rallied on several occasions to steal the gold medal.

"Everyone is on cloud nine here. We all wanted Colin and Carol to win so much. It didn't look good early in the super tiebreaker, but the NMI fought back to take the gold," Race said.

Lee and Sinclair, who had to eliminate the Cook Islands' Brett Baudinet and Tamara Anderson, 7-5, 6-3, in the semis match last Saturday morning to move to the gold medal game, were down,



LYDIA TAN
CNMI National Tennis Team head coach Jeff Race proudly shows the gold medal that they won in the men's team event in the first week of the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa.

0-3, 2-4, and 5-7, before scoring four straight points to grab control and finally finished off Tere-apisah and

Stubbings, 10-8.

The mixed doubles finale was Sinclair's fourth game last Saturday, as he had two

other matches last Saturday morning.

The first was his singles duel with Stubbings, and Sinclair won, 6-0, 6-1, to hand the CNMI another gold medal. Several minutes after his singles title conquest, Sinclair paired with Schorr and they went back and forth with Tonga's Matavao and Semisi Fangua, who eventually notched the gold medal following a tough 6-4, 6-4 victory.

With Sinclair leading the CNMI's triumph in three events, the Commonwealth had the most gold medals in the tennis competition, matching the output of PNG's women's squad, so it was mission accomplished for him.

"It is better to aim high and miss than to aim low and hit," Sinclair was quoted as saying in an interview with the Pacific Games' official website.

Meanwhile, New Caledonia ruled the Pacific Games after collecting 182 medals (75 golds, 56 silvers, and 51 bronze). PNG and host Samoa completed the Top 3 with their 39-58-34 and 38-41-45 tally, respectively.

XVI PACIFIC GAMES FINAL MEDAL STANDINGS				
		1	2	3
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
Country		Gold	Silver	Bronze
New Caledonia	75	56	51	182
Papua New Guinea	39	58	34	131
Samoa	38	41	45	124
Tahiti	35	39	45	119
Fiji	35	38	47	120
Australia	33	9	14	56
Nauru	12	6	16	34
Tonga	9	5	15	29
New Zealand	8	10	7	25
Vanuatu	8	6	12	26
Kiribati	6	10	9	25
Cook Islands	5	5	8	18
Solomon Islands	4	12	19	35
Guam	3	10	6	19
Wallis and Futuna	3	6	2	11
Northern Mariana Islands	3	1	0	4
Norfolk Island	2	2	3	7
American Samoa	1	5	7	13
Niue	1	1	2	4
Tuvalu	1	1	1	3
Fed. States of Micronesia	1	0	0	1
Marshall Islands	0	1	2	3
Tokelau	0	0	1	1



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3 gold medals for CNMI

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Yes, you're reading it right. The CNMI won three gold medals in the XVI Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa. Thanks to the Commonwealth's tennis players.

Colin Sinclair ruled the men's singles event and then teamed up with Carol Lee in topping the mixed doubles play last Saturday, bringing the CNMI's total gold medal haul to three. Sinclair, Ken Song, and Robbie Schorr earlier in the first week of the competition took the gold medal in the men's team event. Sinclair and Schorr then added a silver to CNMI's record after a runner-up finish in the men's doubles last weekend.

"Did we really win three gold medals and a silver? If I'm dreaming, don't wake me up," CNMI head coach



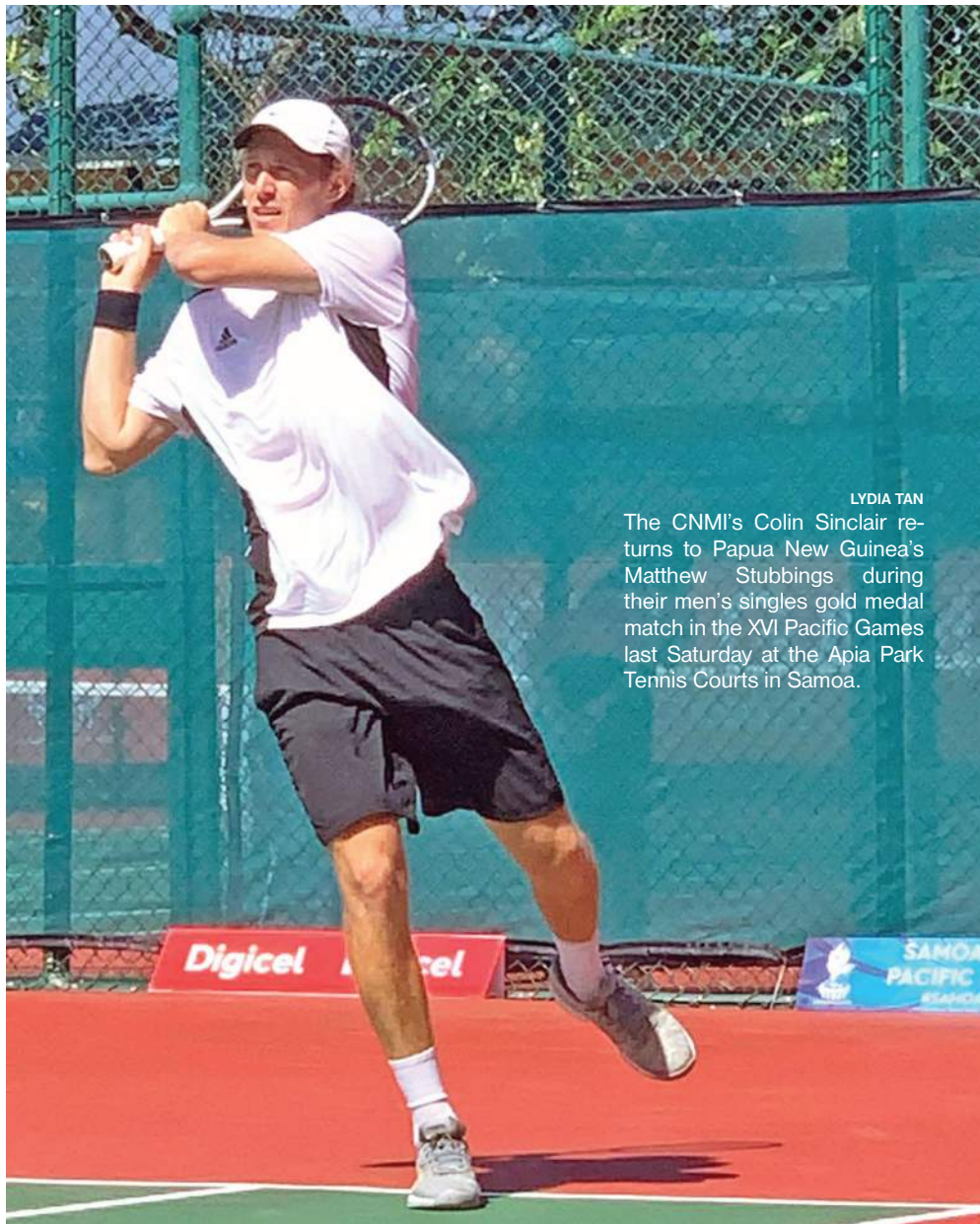
LYDIA TAN

The CNMI's Colin Sinclair, left, and Carol Lee pose for a photo after getting the gold medal in the mixed doubles event in the XVI Pacific Games last Saturday at the Apia Park Tennis Courts in Samoa.

Jeff Race said moments after Lee and Sinclair closed out the competition with a come-from-behind win in the finals against Pacific's No.1 singles

player and Women's Tennis Association veteran Abigail Tere-Apisah and her part-

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LYDIA TAN

The CNMI's Colin Sinclair returns to Papua New Guinea's Matthew Stubbings during their men's singles gold medal match in the XVI Pacific Games last Saturday at the Apia Park Tennis Courts in Samoa.

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The CNMI did it again, beating Guam, 3-0, in the women's division of the Marianas Cup 2019 held at the Guam Football Association Training Center last Saturday.

Gianna Griffin scored the pair of goals for the CNMI Women's U19 National Team, while Guine Borja contributed one, and the rest of the Commonwealth players stood strong on defense to shut down the host and duplicate their 2018 victory (3-2).

Griffin's first goal came in the 21st minute off a long shot (about 40 yards). The play started off a pass from Borja to Griffin at center mid with a Guam defender partially intercepting it. Griffin, however recovered the ball and deceived two Guam defenders, who were moving toward the goal anticipating the CNMI striker to dribble closer. Instead, Griffin took only a few dribbles to right center and kicked the

Back-to-back for NMI women's



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CNMI Women's U19 National Team players celebrate after scoring their third goal against Guam during the Marianas Cup 2019 held last Saturday at the Guam Football Association Training Center.

ball with her left foot for the shot that went over the hands of Guam goalie Kiarra Hutcherson, just a few inches away from the upper right cross bar and dropping right into the goal.

After Griffin's conversion, the CNMI remained aggressive on offense and defense, getting three more opportunities to score, while limiting Guam's touches to keep the shaky lead at the break.

When the game resumed, the visiting team found the back of the net early with Griffin earning her second goal in the 46th minute. The lefty scored after they had back-to-back attempts and faltered. Griffin received a forward pass from Borja and the former sprinted to right center ahead of her defender and unloaded a shot. However, Griffin's cross was way off to the left. Fortunately for the CNMI, Jannah Casarino picked up the ball and made a short pass to Katrina Costales, who then went for the left center cross

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